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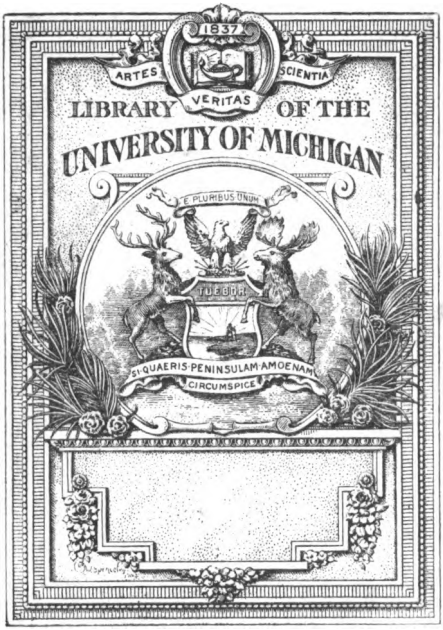

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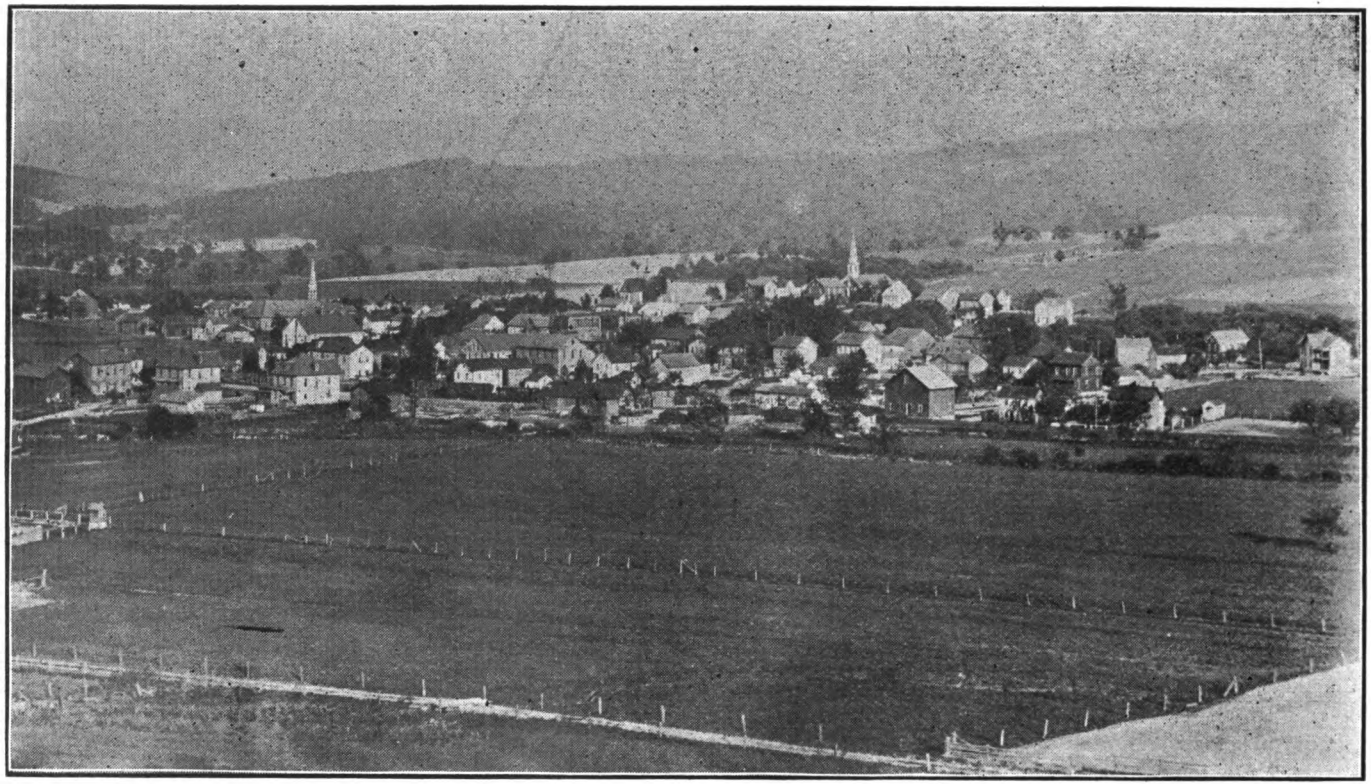

PANORAMA OF BEAVER SPRINGS, PA.

From a Photograph taken in 1906 from "Owl's Head" Ridge, north of town.

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HISTORY OF

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——AND——

Centennial Souvenir Book.

PUBLISHED IN COMMEMORATION OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE TOWN.

1806 – 1906

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A. M. Aurand,

Editor "History of Beaver Springs" and President Centennial Association, 1906.

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..Preface..

A Century of Time! From 1806 to 1906 is but a small part of the history of the world. It is a mere fraction, insignificant in extent, of the whole story of Time, yet it surpassed in progress and human interest all that had gone before. What marvelous progress has been made by man during the past one hundred years! Will it be possible for coming generations to equal or surpass the achievements of the past century by the year 2006? Only the Omniscient One and those persons living a century hence can answer this question. The reader of this volume can judge for himself or herself whether our little town has kept pace, proportionately, with the rest of the world in progress in its first century of history.

This book is published for a two-fold purpose: To preserve in print as much of the history of the town of Beaver Springs and vicinity, for the past century, as could be collected, and to give to future generations this history of the past, as well as a complete description of the town as it exists today, together with biographies and portraits of all its leading citizens and other views and items of interest.

Unfortunately our forefathers who first settled here failed to keep records of events as they are kept now; writing materials were of a crude nature and there were no newspapers to publish occurrences as they took place. Consequently we must depend mostly on the old inhabitants, and the few records in existence, for the facts appearing in this volume.

We realize that we undertook a thankless task when we commenced to collate the articles for this book, but we feel that twenty-five, fifty, or a hundred years from now, persons who will still have in their possessions a copy of this volume, will appreciate our efforts more than the people of the present day possibly can. With what gratification would we today read of the events connected with the founding of the town a hundred years ago, and of the lives of our forefathers and see their portraits in print!

The matter for this work was collected, and the book published, all within sixty days and as a consequence a number of errors, principally in typography, have occurred. Although working from sixteen to eighteen hours a day, numerous other duties prevented us from giving this work the undivided attention it deserved in the brief time allotted for its publication.

We desire to express our most cordial thanks to the following people who have aided us in getting out this work: To the historians, W. J. Klose and J. F. Keller, Esqs., for the sketches of town history; to Mr. W. J. Klose for sketches of the churches, cemeteries and other articles of interest, which took much time and research; to Mr. J. C. Schambach for recollections of the past; to employes of the Printing and Publishing House, who would, if necessary, have worked day and night, until exhausted, to get this book out on time. These faithful employes include W. Edgar Miller, foreman; Netta E. Klinepeter, Mary Kempfer, Minnie Steely, compositors; Emma Wetzel, stenographer; Frank Mattern, make-up; Ray Lantz and Artie Moyer, press feeders; Ruth Gundrum, proof-reader; S. F. Aurand, engineer; Clymer Romig and Ira A. Kline, clerks in the newspaper and book publishing departments, respectively; also Ambrose W. Aurand, editor of the "Sunbury News," for services rendered.

In order to perpetuate this work, we kindly ask every reader of this book to send us items of any history or events not appearing in this book, which they now possess or which may recur in their minds, all of which will be carefully preserved by the editor for the use and information of future generations. Kindly report all errors occurring in this volume so that proper corrections can be made.

Your Humble Servant,
THE EDITOR.

Beaver Springs, Pa., Sept. 1, 1906.

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JAMES F. KELLER, Esq., (Centennial Historian.)

The subject of this sketch was born in Luzerne county near Kingston borough, Pa., on the 21st day of June, 1842. He is a son of Isaac Keller and Helen Keller, whose maiden name was Rhoades. About six months after his birth, his parents moved on the old Keller homestead about a mile southwest of Beaver Springs. He attended the public schools at Adamsburg (now Beaver Springs) and Freeburg Academy.

He commenced to teach in the public schools at the age of eighteen and has taught thirty-six winter terms and three summer terms and expects to enter upon the thirty-seventh term on Sept. 10, 1906.

He served as a private in Company D., 74th Regiment Penna. Vols. dur-

ing the Civil war, and is a charter member of Maj. William H. Byers' Post G. A. R. He was the first adjutant of the Post and served in that capacity a number of terms. He served three years as commander of the Post, also as chaplain.

He served fifteen years as Justice of the Peace in and for Spring township, is now serving his second term as Notary Public which expires on the 8th day of May, 1909. He also served as secretary of the Adamsburg Cemetery Association since its organization in 1892.

He was married to Susan, a daughter of John D. Smith, on the 15th day of December, 1864. Of this union the following were their issue: Laura M., married to Charles E. Loudenslager and lives at Mifflinburg, Pa.; William I., married to Mamie Beaver and lives two miles west of Beaver Springs; Annie M., died in infancy, and Jennie G., married to Fred G. Hollman and lives at Lewistown, Pa. He is a member of St. Peter's Evangelical church and Sunday school at Beaver Springs.

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History of Beaver Springs, Pa.

The Original Settlement of this Territory, Prior to the Founding of the Town.

By JAMES F. KELLER, Esq.

It is both interesting and instructive to study the history of our ancestors; to understand by what toils, through what difficulties, over what obstacles they, from a feeble colony planted in an unexplored wilderness, struggled up to a position of wealth and power; in what manner they constructed this Commonwealth, which, with its public works, manufactories, its mineral wealth, its churches, its noble charities, its common school system, its enterprise and wealth, unexcelled in any other state, is transmitted to this generation.

This territory, at the time of the discovery of America by Columbus, was inhabited by Indians, who were divided into distinct tribes, spoke different dialects of a common language, and lived principally by hunting and fishing.

Those who dwelt in the country between the Delaware river and the Blue Mountains were the least warlike of all the tribes, and were called the Delaware Indians by the first white settlers; by that name they have ever since been known. The Monseys, or Wolf tribe, inhabited the mountainous country along the Susquehanna. The tribes of the Six Nations inhabited the northern border of the State, from the Delaware to Lake Erie, and were called Mingoes by the natives and Iroquois by the French.

The Indians of the Six Nations were a brave and powerful people. The Delawares and some of the tribes of the interior of the territory, which afterwards became the State of Pennsylvania, were under the power of the Mingoes, to whom they paid tribute at the time the first white people from Europe visited this country. In all treaties, therefore, made with the early settlers by the tribes in this territory it was necessary to obtain the counsel of the Six Nations.

The shores of the Delaware were first visited by European mariners in 1609 when Captain Henry Hudson, sailing on an exploring expedition to America under the patronage of the Dutch East India Company, touched at the mouth of the bay, but finding shoal water, withdrew, and sailing northward entered the mouth of the great river which bears his name.

Contentions among the Dutch, Swedes and English were prevalent in the territory until the year 1681 when a charter was given to William Penn for that part of the territory which afterwards became Pennsylvania and Delaware.

William Penn was the son of Sir William Penn, a distinguished Admiral in the English navy, who had won high reputation in constant and active service by defending the honor of the kingdom in many engagements on the high seas. William was born on the 14th day of October, 1644, in London. He was reared and educated in court society, and at an early age gave proof of the possession of those superior quali-

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ties of heart and intellect for which in after life he became justly celebrated.

It was the desire of his father that he should enter the army, though later, and after he had espoused the doctrines of the Quakers, the old Admiral refused to allow a commission to be issued to him, but preferred that the young man should go to Ireland to manage the estates of the family near Cork, where he proved himself an exact and faithful man of business.

While a student at Oxford, William Penn had been deeply affected by the preaching of Thomas Loe, and soon after his arrival in Ireland he learned that his old friend was to preach at the Friends' Meeting in Cork and resolved to hear him. The preacher discoursed of true faith which overcomes the world. Penn's conscience was smitten and his principles fixed in the doctrines with which he was ever afterwards identified. Persecution followed rapidly upon profession. He, with other friends, was arrested and sent to prison, but was unconditionally released upon his own application to the Lord President of Munster.

The rumor rapidly spread throughout the kingdom that young Penn had become a Quaker, and his father summoned him to England. The Admiral endeavored to overcome the resolution of his son; failing to persuade him, he exiled him from home. During the period of this banishment he was supported by an allowance secretly conveyed to him by his mother. Soon thereafter he was arrested on a charge of heresy, because of sentiments which he had published in a controversy with a Presbyterian clergyman. He was confined in prison nine months. While in prison he wrote another pamphlet explanatory of the first, and in a short time after that was released; his father's influence with the Duke of York having enlisted that nobleman in his cause. Feeling for those who had espoused the Quaker doctrines as well as for himself he now determined to establish a home for those persecuted for conscience's sake in the wilds of America among the children of the forest, who became the firm friends of the Quakers.

When Admiral Penn died he left to his son William a claim against the English government for the sum of sixteen thousand pounds, partly for money advanced and partly for services rendered.

The king was fond of pleasure and he spent so much money on himself and his friends that he had none left to pay his just debts. Penn knew this, so he told His Majesty that if he would give him a piece of wild land in America he would ask nothing more. The king was very glad to settle the account so easily. He therefore gave Penn a great territory north of Maryland and west of the Delaware River. The land at that time was not thought to be worth much. No one then had discovered the fact that beneath Penn's woods there were immense beds of coal and iron, which would one day be of greater value than all the riches of the King of England.

The articles of the grant were written in Old English style, on strong parchment, each line underscored with red ink and the borders elaborately decorated and bearing date the 4th day of March, 1681. This document is still preserved and is hung up in the Executive Chamber at Harrisburg.

On the 10th day of April, 1681, Penn appointed his cousin, William Markham, deputy governor of the Province. He wrote a letter to the people residing in the territory described in his charter, which, to-

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gether with the King's proclamation, he sent to America by Markham, who arrived in New York on the 21st of June. He there procured from the Commander and the Council a letter addressed to the several people, Justices of the Peace, magistrates and other officers inhabiting within the bounds and limits of the territory included in the grant notifying them of the change that had been made in their government. Within a few days after receiving this letter Markham arrived in the Province of Pennsylvania, and at once assumed the administration of Public affairs.

In his letter to the people, Penn said:

"I hope you will not be troubled by your change, and the King's choice, for you are now fixed at the mercy of no governor that comes to make his fortune great; you shall be governed by laws of your own making, and live a free, and if you will, a sober and industrious people. I shall not usurp the right of any, or oppress his person. God has furnished me with a better resolution, and has given me grace to keep it. In short, whatever sober and free men can reasonably desire for the security and improvement of their own happiness I shall heartily comply with, and in five months resolve, if it please God, to see you."

The first court held in the Province under Penn's charter convened at Upland on the 13th of September, the same day to which the old court under the former governor had adjourned. The second session was held on the 8th of November, when Markham presided in person. One of the first acts of this tribunal was the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors to the Indians.

During the year 1681 three ships carrying emigrants sailed from England for Pennsylvania. One of these vessels, "The Bristol Factor," arrived in the Delaware on the 11th of December; the "Sarah and John" arrived earlier, but no record of the day is preserved; the other ship called the "Amity" reached the Province in the spring of 1682.

Three commissioners, appointed by Penn, came in these ships. They were instructed to prepare the Province for the reception of colonies of emigrants. They were to survey the land, to sound the river and examine the ground, so as to find the most favorable location for a great commercial and manufacturing city, which Penn had promised to lay out and establish for his people. Should the building of the city be begun before his arrival, he directed the commissioners to have the people place their houses in the middle of the plots, "That there may be ground on each side for gardens, or orchards, or fields, that it may be a green country town, which will never be burnt and always wholesome."

These commissioners brought with them a letter from Penn to the Indians living on the Delaware, in which he said:

"I have great love and regard toward you, and desire to win and gain your love and friendship by a kind, just and peaceable life; and the people I send are of the same mind, and shall in all things behave themselves accordingly; and if in anything they shall offend you or your people, you shall have a full and speedy satisfaction."

On the 30th day of August, 1682, Penn embarked in the ship "Welcome" at Deal and sailed for America in company with about one hundred emigrants, mostly members of the Society of Friends. During the voyage small-pox broke out among the passengers and thirty of the emigrants died. He arrived at New Castle on the 27th of October. The people of the town came forward to welcome the new proprietary, and

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to signify their willingness to accept his government and to obey his laws.

Penn soon endeared himself to the Indians by engaging in their sports and granting the little favors they chanced to ask.

There were at this time at least three distinct and separate tribes in the wilderness of Eastern Pennsylvania. The Delawares, or Leni Lenape, living on the river; the Mingoes, living on the Conestoga, and the Shawanese on the Susquehanna. To each of these tribes Penn sent invitations to meet him on the bank of the Delaware at Shackamaxon (now Kensington.) This was selected as the most appropriate treaty ground, because it was the place where for many generations the Indians had been accustomed to meet in council. It was, as the original name Sachemexing signifies, the place of kings or sachems.

The tribes assembled under the wide-spreading branches of a large elm tree. The chiefs sat in front with their councillors; behind them, arranged in the form of a semi-circle, sat the young men and warriors, and beyond these sat the women. The Great Sachem Taminend, the most royal-looking of them all, was the center of the vast assembly, and was the leader and spokesman.

When Penn, accompanied by a few of his friends, all unarmed, approached the council fire, which had been kindled in front of the assembled tribes, Taminend put on his chaplet surmounted by a small horn, the emblem of kingly power; then through an interpreter, announced to Penn that the nations were ready to hear him.

In reply to this invitation, Penn said, "The Great Spirit, who made me and you, who rules the heavens and the earth, and who knows the innermost thoughts of men, knows that I and my friends have a hearty desire to live in peace and friendship with you and serve you to the uttermost of our power. It is not our custom to use hostile weapons against our fellow creatures, for which reason we have come unarmed. Our object is not to do injury, and thus provoke the Great Spirit, but to do good."

"We are met on the broad pathway of good faith and good will, so that no advantage is taken on either side, but all to be openness, brotherhood, and love." Then the governor unrolled a parchment containing stipulations for trade, and promises of friendship, which by means of an interpreter, he explained to them, article by article, and placing it on the ground, he said: "The ground shall be common to both people. I will not do as the Marylanders did, that is, call you children or brothers only; for parents are apt to whip their children too severely, and brothers will sometimes differ; neither will I compare our friendship to a chain, for the rain may rust it, or a tree may fall and break it; but I will consider you as the same flesh and blood as the christians, and the same as if one man's body were to be divided into two parts."

This speech was listened to by the Indians in perfect silence, and with much gravity. They took some time to deliberate, and then the king ordered one of his chiefs to speak to William Penn. The Indian orator advanced, and in the king's name saluted him; then, taking him by the hand, in a few words gave him pledges of friendship, and assured him that the "Indians and the English will live in love as long as the sun and moon shall endure."

Though the articles of this treaty were reduced to writing, no trace of the original record can be found. In a speech delivered by Governor

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Gordon in May, 1728, to the tribes represented at his council, he referred to this treaty, warmly commended the Indians for their fidelity to the pledges of their fathers, and recited nine articles as the chief links in the strong chain, that had for more than half a century, bound them together in unbroken peace.

The great elm, named the "Treaty Tree," under which Penn's council was held, was blown down by a violent storm in 1810. Upon the ground, where for more than 200 years, it had cast its shadow, a small monument has been erected by the Penn Society of Philadelphia, and a young elm, sprouting from the roots of the old tree, has now grown up to perpetuate the memory of this important event in the history of Pennsylvania. The treaty ground was afterwards purchased by, and is now the property of the state.

In all treaties made with the Indians, Penn and his representatives agreed, that no settlement of white people should be established in any territory, that had not been purchased from the natives by the proprietaries. These stipulations were faithfully observed by the government, and peace was preserved in the Province, until foreign influences and the inroads of hostile tribes involved the whole country in war.

The different parts of the Province were opened for settlement by six great purchases. The first, under Penn's authority, was made in 1682, and is known as the "walking purchase;" it extended along the Delaware above Philadelphia; the second was made in 1736, and included the southeastern quarter of the Province; the third made 1749, comprised a narrow belt of land lying diagonally across the Province from Pike to Dauphin county; the fourth made 1758, comprised a tract lying west of the Susquehanna, from the great forks at Northumberland, southward to the southern boundary of the Province; the fifth and largest purchase was made in 1768 and comprised an irregular belt of land extending from the extreme northeastern to the extreme southwestern corner of the Province. This was the last negotiation made under the proprietary authority.

A board of commissioners, appointed by the State, met the western tribes at Fort McIntosh, on the Allegheny river, in 1785 and purchased the northwestern territory. By this treaty the Indian title to Pennsylvania was wholly extinguished.

After the treaty of 1768 the territory thereby opened to settlers was organized into counties. In the south, Bedford county was erected in 1771; Northumberland county, in the central and northern part of the province, was established in 1772.

The pioneers in Northumberland were English and Scotch-Irish; but the Germans, who began to immigrate about the beginning of the eighteenth century, are now in the majority, especially in the southern part of the county. In 1747, the Moravians established a mission at the Indian town of Shamokin, but the station was soon abandoned. In 1756 the Provincial government of Pennsylvania erected a fort at that place.

The territory within the limits of the county was part of two different purchases from the Indians, made in 1749 and 1768. Pioneer families came in from the Scotch-Irish settlements of the Kittatinny Valley, and from the Quaker communities in the lower counties. When Northumberland was erected into a county, March, 1772, Sunbury, the county town, was laid out by the survey or general who erected a frame

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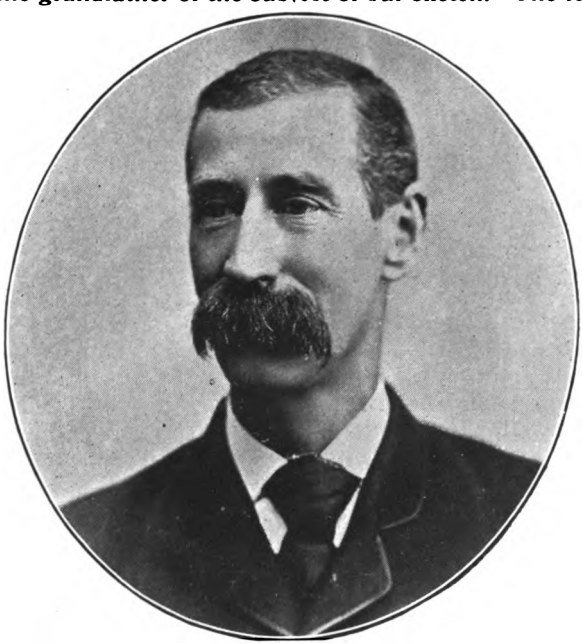
house on its site. A small garrison held the fort at this place during the Revolution.

In 1813 that territory which now comprises the counties of Union and Snyder was separated and organized into a county known as Union county; this county held its first court in the town of Mifflinburg, and later New Berlin became the county seat and remained so until 1855, when the county was divided into two counties, viz: Union and Snyder, so named in honor of Gov. Snyder, one of the pioneer governors of Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM J. KLOSE, (Centennial Historian.)

William J. Klose is the great-great-grandson of Ernest Klose, a great-grandson of Jacob Klose, a grandson of Daniel and son of Reuben and Sarah A. (nee Middleswarth) Klose. Ernest Klose, the great-great-grandfather, emigrated from Germany along 1740 or 1750, it is supposed from the vicinity of Heidelberg, and this supposition is supported and strengthened by the following facts as related by Rev. Charles Luther Klose, a cousin of William J., who is now a Congregational minister in Philadelphia, and a son of Rev. Daniel Klose, D. D., of Tempe, Arizona, who is a son of Daniel Klose, Sr., the grandfather of the subject of our sketch. The Rev. Charles



Klose graduated from the Highland University, Highland, Kans., and Yale Theological Seminary. After his graduation he spent a year in the German schools at Berlin and Heidelberg, and while at Heidelberg he learned of a street in the city named Klose avenue and met families of Kloses, who in conversation told him that long years before Kloses emigrated to America from that neighborhood. Ernest Klose located in Weisseburg township, Northampton county, Pa., and died ten or fifteen years later. Among his sons was Jacob, who moved from Northampton county about 1811. Jacob had three sons, Solomon, Daniel and Jacob, and when Daniel was sixteen years of age he moved to what was then Northumberland county, afterwards Union, now Snyder county, and located two or three miles east of Beavertown, near Dreese's bridge, north of the Middle creek, on the farm now owned by Daniel Hassinger, which in part constituted the original

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farm. Jacob died and was buried in the Hassinger church yard. At his death the farm was divided between Daniel and his brother Jacob, Daniel receiving that portion now owned by Mr. Hassinger and he raised a family of fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters, namely: Ephraim, Reuben, Daniel, George, James, Alfred, Jeremiah, Susan, Leah, Elizabeth, Sarah, Amelia, Marietta and Emmaline. In the year 1854, with nearly all his children, he moved to Michigan and located near Three Rivers, St. Joseph county. He was twice married, first to a Miss Good, who died and is buried (supposedly) at Hassinger's cemetery. His second wife, a Miss Steininger, was a daughter of Dewalt Steininger; she died and is buried in Moore Park, St. Joseph county, Mich., alongside of her husband, who died in 1869 at the age of seventy-four years. His son Reuben Klose, was at one time or other engaged in boating on the Pennsylvania canal, harness making and mercantile pursuits, and had four sons and one daughter, namely, Oliver M., William J., Howard F., Daniel W. and Susan J., now married to Adam Smith. He was born Sept. 13, 1821, died March 24, 1891, and is buried in the old cemetery. His wife, Sarah Ann, was born Jan. 6, 1827, died Feb. 13, 1900, and lies buried beside her husband. William J. Klose, the son of Reuben Klose, on his mother's side was a grandson of Hon. Ner Middleswarth and great-grandson of John Middleswarth, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, and Martha, his wife, and was born Oct. 18, 1846, in this town, in the house (since remodeled) where Foster Smith now resides, where at the time his father carried on the harness trade. The subject of this sketch is of patriotic lineage. (His grandfather, Capt. Ner Middleswarth, raised a company of volunteers in the War of 1812 and again in 1814; he also raised a company in 1846 to fight the Mexicans. The father of the subject of our sketch served in the army, War of the Rebellion, for two enlistments, in Co. H, 184th Regt., P. V., and Co. H, 36th P. V. and was drafted and sent a substitute, being unable to go at that time.) The patriotic spirit of his forefathers being infused in the veins of young Klose, he at the age of seventeen years, enlisted in Co. F, 184th Regt., P. V., for a term of three years and served until the close of the war; was in all the engagements of his regiment until he, with many others of his regiment, were taken prisoners of war on the firing line in front of Petersburg, Va., June 22, 1864, and for over ten months was confined in Libby, Belle Isle, Danville, Millen, Blackshire, Thomasville and Andersonville prisons, most of the time in the latter prison, by far the worst of all southern prisons. At Jacksonville, Fla., was paroled April 29, 1865, was discharged at Harrisburg, Pa., June 2, 1865, and arrived at the home of his parents in this town the same day. He was clerking, with other engagements, until 1869, when he began to serve an apprenticeship at the tanning trade, at which he worked for about three years, but on account of being subject to rheumatism had to abandon that business. In 1870, May 22d, he married Miss Mary E. Dreese, daughter of Henry and Mary (nee Amig) Dreese, and raised two sons, Claude H. and Charles R., and one daughter, Myrtle G., now married to W. F. Sellers, who resides in Yeagertown, Mifflin county. In 1872 he built a harness shop and engaged his father and learned the trade from him, and continued the manufacture of harness, etc., until the present time, with the exception of a period of nine years, from 1878 to 1887. In 1878, with others, he went to Kansas and took up a homestead in Russell county and farmed for four years; returned to this town and went into the mercantile business with Adam Smith, in the firm name of Klose & Smith; sold out to his partner in 1887 and returned to his trade of harness making. The comrades of Maj. Wm. H. Byers Post, No. 612, elected him Commander two terms, Senior Vice-Commander one term, and adjutant for fourteen terms, which office he still fills. He has been a collector of taxes for three years and is re-elected for another term of three years. He became a member of the Reformed church in 1876, Rev. L. C. Edmonds, pastor, and still holds to that faith, holding the offices of trustee and elder for years. Mr. Klose is the chairman of the Historical committee of the Centennial Association for 1906, and to him the readers of this volume are indebted for many facts of history and incidents occuring during the past one hundred years, which appear in this book. He is held in high esteem by all who know him. In politics he is a staunch Republican and has served several terms as county committeeman.

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A History of the Town, from 1806, When It Was Founded, Until 1906, Our Centennial Anniversary.

By W. J. KLOSE, Esq.

The territory now embracing nearly all of Snyder county was in 1768 called Penn township, Cumberland county. The counties of the Pennsylvania colony were so large that division was inevitable, so on the 21st day of March, 1772, when the great Commonwealth was still one of the colonies, Northumberland county was created out of parts of Berks, Bedford, Lancaster, Northampton and Cumberland counties. The county was divided into seven townships, as follows: Penn's, Augusta, Turbot, Buffalo, Bald Eagle, Muncy and Wyoming.

The courts were first held in the Fort (Fort Augusta, now Sunbury) until the court house was built.

Among the inhabitants of Penn's township (now Snyder county), we find the names of John Aumiller, Philip Aumiller, William Blythe, Jacob Carpenter, George Gabriel, Jacob Hammersly, John Lee, Arthur Moody, Michael Reager, George Rine, John Reighbaugh, Michael Rodman, Casper Reed, Frederick Stump (of Indian massacre fame at Stump's Run, now Middleburg), Peter Stroup, Adam Stephen and Andrew Shafer. We find the Gifts, Herrolds and Lepleys came into the Middlecreek Valley in the year 1771.

In the year 1789 we find many names added to the list of residents of Penn's township. (See page 258 in History of Buffalo Valley.) In 1792 John and Martha Middleswarth, of Scotch-Irish descent, with their son Ner, then a boy of ten years of age, moved from New Jersey and located in what was now Penn's township, Northumberland county, about one mile south of where Beavertown is located, where they built a home, farmed and raised a large family.

John Middleswarth was born in the year 1744. Died May 14, 1815, in his 71st year of age.

Martha, his wife, was born in the year 1750. Died Oct. 5, 1824, in her 74th year of age.

These pioneers lie buried in the old cemetery at this place. Their son Ner grew to be a hearty, robust frontiersman and a leader among his comrades. He was married to Christina Swartzcop, early in life and reared six sons and six daughters. When the war of 1812 broke out he raised a company of volunteers and entered the service as captain. (Names of company given in History of Buffalo Valley page 410.) His company was attached to the 8th riflemen, Col. James Irwin's Brigade. In 1814 Capt. Middleswarth raised another company, (for names see History of Buffalo Valley, page 427) and was called the Union Rifle Volunteers, attached to the rifle batallion commanded by Capt. John Uhle, in the Light Brigade, commanded by Gen. Thomas Cadwalader. Between the years of 1815 and 1836 he was elected to the State Legislature thirteen times. (For the years see pages 558 and 559, History of Buffalo Valley.) In 1848 he was elected to the State Senate and in 1853 was chosen to serve his district in the 33d Congress and in 1858 was elected to his last public office, that of associate judge of Snyder county and served his full term of five years.

During his life he accumulated considerable wealth, but lost the

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greater portion in a venture in the Beaver Furnace. He was for a long time largely identified with the properties and interests of this town. He lived on what is now the Ner A. Feese farm (a grandson), one mile

CAPT. NER MIDDLESWARTH.

At the Age of Thirty Years, When He Raised a Company of Volunteers at the Outbreak of the Revolutionary War in 1812. (From a Rare Hand-Painted Portrait.)

south of Beavertown. He was born Dec. 12, 1783, died June 2, 1865, aged 81 years, 5 months and 2 days. Christina, his wife, was born Apr. 8th, 1789, died Feb. 2, 1861, aged 71 years, 9 months and 24 days. They both lie in the cemetery at Beavertown.

In 1791 we find the names of Grimm, Bopp, Hassinger, Moyer and Friedlys added to the list of residents of the township and in the vicinity of Beaver Dam, and in the same year Conrad Bopp erected a hemp mill near Beavertown, and Jacob Hassinger a tanyard near Beaver Dam, very likely the same tannery managed later by John Shirey, David Mertz and B. L. Raudenbush. Grist mills and saw mills soon followed, with here and there a distillery.

Between the years 1790 and 1800, the Kerns, Kellers, Dreeses, Hermans, Bickels, Steiningers, Maurers, Rauchs, Grosses and many others whose names sound familiar located in this valley. About this time Herman Oberdorf, Jacob Hoffman, Jacob Grimm, Samuel Ritter, John Grimm, Adam Reager, Henry Mick and others located near the present

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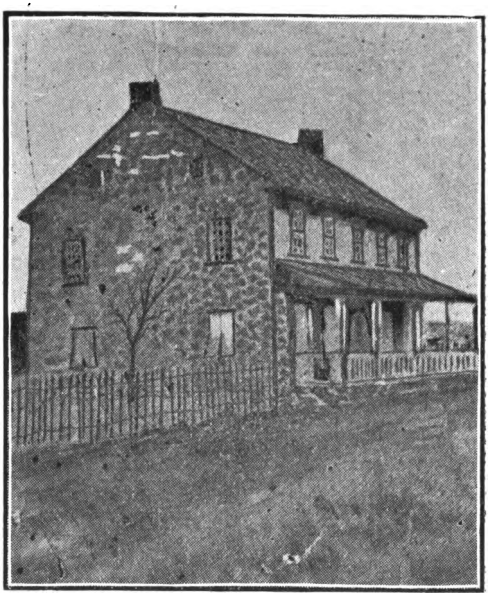
site of Adamsburg or as it is now called Beaver Springs, from the fact of the numerous excellent springs in and surrounding the place. The one owned by L. R. Haines deserves especial mention because of it being an exceptionally fine spring with pure refreshing water and is well worth beholding.

In the year 1806 a town was laid out by Adam Reager, a native of Germany, near what then was called Beaver Dam, so named from the fact that the cunning little animals of that name had built a large dam three-fourths or a mile above the mouth of Beaver run, now called Beaver creek, in Penn's township, Northumberland county. Mr. Reager settled on the farm now owned by Samuel Shirey, and the new town in honor of Mr. Reager was called or named Reagerstown, and was known by that name for many years; then was changed to the name of Adamsburg. Adam Reager was born Oct. 11, 1749, died March 17, 1826, aged



THE OLD STONE MANSION

Built in 1815 on the Site now Occupied by Christ Reformed Church. (Photo by O. M. Klose.)

67 years, 3 months and 6 days. Charlotte Reager, his wife, was born Jan. 25, 1755, died Sept. 17, 1830, aged 75 years, 7 months and 22 days. Their bodies repose side by side in the old cemetery at this place. Of their descendents there is nothing known as they have long since moved from this section. Some of the early settlers of the place and vicinity we find to have been the Reagers, Micks, Aiglers, Oberdorfs, Swangers, Dreeses, Rushos and others. Among the first dwellings in and near the village were located as follows:

One on the farm owned by Reuben Dreese, now farmed by Jacob Felker, and was situated west of the present dwelling; it was a log house

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and built across a spring. Another also on a farm of Reuben Dreese, now farmed by Charles H. Wagner, and was situated at or near where the Reformed parsonage now stands and was also built of logs.

One on the farm of Adam Reager, now owned by Samuel Shirey and located where his brick dwelling now stands.

One on the lot long owned by Dr. Isaac Rothrock; one each on the lots of L. R. Haines, Hurley Romig, W. H. Dreese, W. H. Riegel, O. M. Klose, Fred Raught; one on the lot now occupied by the Lutheran parsonage and one each on the lots of Jonathan Spangler and Foster Smith and another on the corner where the hotel now stands. These with the old stone mansion, were the first buildings in the town.

This stone mansion was built by Henry Mick in 1815 and stood on the lot now occupied by the Reformed church. It was used for a store and hotel, of which Henry Mick was proprietor until his death. Those who wished to and delighted to trip the fantastic toe would come here from a great distance for the pleasure they found therein, for Mr. Mick in building this stately old mansion had made provision for just such occasions. On the second story the two large east rooms were divided by a board partition and this partition was so constructed and fastened on immense hinges that the whole partition could be hung up on large bolts in the ceiling and securely fastened, and when thus hoisted made an immense room. Mrs. Elizabeth Mick continued to keep open house for several years after the death of her husband. Henry Mick was born early in the year 1772, and died May 1, 1849, in the 77th year of his age. Mrs. Mick was born Jan. 17, 1778, died Jan. 20, 1858, aged 80 years and 3 days.

Division of Northumberland County and the Formation of Union.

The agitation for a division of Northumberland county began early in 1811. The reasons set forth was the great distance people had to travel to reach the county-seat, Fort Augusta (Sunbury); the cost of ferrying across the river and the expense for the proposed ornamenting of the town of Sunbury. At the same time it was strongly urged to erect a fireproof building wherein to keep the county records. The contest was long and bitter, but on March 22d, 1813, a bill was passed and approved by the Governor forming Union county out of Northumberland. Sec. 1 of the Act says: "That all that part of Northumberland county lying on the west side of the river Susquehanna and the West Branch of the same be and is hereby erected into a separate county, henceforth to be known by the name of Union." A commission consisting of James Banks, of Mifflin county; Henry Haines, of Lancaster county; and Edward Darlington, of Chester county, was appointed to select a suitable site for a county-seat. After a long contest it was finally decided that New Berlin (then Longstown) should be the place. From this on until 1855 we find our town in Beaver township, Union county.

The court house at New Berlin was finished in 1815, and the jail in 1817.

At this time our town was of slow growth but industries were springing up in the surrounding country, such as saw mills, grist mills, oil mills, fulling mills, woolen mills, distilleries, tanyards, etc. About this time a tanyard was built on the farm now owned by William P. Gross, two and one-half miles northwest of town. The town was filling up and

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we find the names of Thomas Youngman, Adam Youngman, John Romig, Samuel Dreese, Michael Kern, George Rangler, John Hall, Philip Markley, Jacob Long and others on record up to 1824, when we find the following names on the tax list, with the respective amounts assessed against them:

John Hall, .37; Joseph Long, .44; Henry Mick, $7.63; Ner Middleswarth, $4.80; Michael Maurer, .16; Joseph Sampsel, $1.02; John Rager, .01; Dewalt Steininger, .08; Widow Valentine, .08; George Wittenmyer, .28; John Hoffman, .68; Jacob Smith (merchant), $1.23.

The name (last available record) of John Hall appears on the tax duplicate of Beaver township for the year 1830, now in possession of H. I. Romig. This man some time after this record was made in attempting to rescue two of his children from his burning house was consumed in the mad flames with his children.

We now find the names of John Bickel, a merchant, George Miller, William Saltzman, Michael Bear, Henry Mitchell, Godlove (Gudlieb) Ziner, John B. Smith, George Mertz, Isaac Keller, Jacob Brechbill, Jacob Smith, a merchant, Ephraim Hackman and others.

Later appeared on the scene Adam Specht, Henry Shirey, Peter Smith, Daniel Smith, L. R. Haines, Reuben Dreese, Henry Smith, Abraham Dreese, Jacob Dreese, George Wagner, Henry Dreese, Reuben Keller, merchant, Elias Aurand, John Shirey, Samuel Kessler, Jonathan Bastian, Isaac Keller and Dr. Isaac Rothrock.

Dr. Rothrock was born Nov. 22, 1798, came to this town from Middleburg about 1835 or 1840. He was a medical student of Dr. Ezra Doty, of Mifflintown and Dr. Thos. Vanvalzah, of Lewisburg. He practiced medicine 45 years; was married four times. His first wife was a Miss Lechner,a niece of Gov.Snyder,and died soon after their marriage. Their only child died in infancy. His second wife, Miss Susan Swenk, died in June, 1852, leaving seven children. His third wife, Mrs. Lydia Leonard, (nee Bowersox), a widow, died in February, 1857, leaving one daughter. His fourth and last wife, Angelina Wallace, died without issue March 28, 1879. In 1866 he was elected and served one term in the State Legislature; died June 8, 1872, and he, with his four wives, lie buried in the old cemetery.

We now find as citizens of and near town the following: Rev. L. C. Edmonds, Samuel Wetzel, William Spangler, W. H. Dreese, Rev. Wm. Hackman, J. O. Dreese, Samuel Hackman, John Schambach, William Markley, Philip Dreese, Jacob Gross, Jeremiah Miller, Eph. Romig, W. H. H. Dreese, Jacob Greenhoe, Isaac Aurand, David Heckendorn and others. Mr. Heckendorn was the first superintendent of public schools of Snyder county. He was appointed Aug. 10, 1855, and served two years.

Division of Union and Formation of Snyder County.

On March 2d, 1855, an act of the Legislature was passed and approved by Gov. Pollock, dividing Union county. The bill provided that the question should be laid before the people and be decided by popular vote. Accordingly an election was held March 16th following, the result was 2553 for division and 2508 against division, giving a majority of 45 for division and in favor of the formation of Snyder county.

The county was divided into twelve townships, Beaver, West Beaver,

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Centre, Chapman, Franklin, Jackson, Middlecreek, Monroe, Penn, Perry, West Perry and Washington; Adamsburg becoming situated in Beaver township.

Some of the causes for division were these: For many years the old buildings at New Berlin had been an annoyance to all who had business there, so in 1852 the people of New Berlin petitioned the grand jury to take measures toward the erection of new county buildings. This action with the railroad question, aroused a storm of opposition and eventually led to a division of the county, the contest being long and bitter.

The act forming Snyder county provided that the county-seat should be located by a vote of the people and any town furnishing a guaranteed subscription of $10,000 towards the erection of public buildings should be entitled to become the new county-seat, Middleburg, Selinsgrove and Freeburg furnishing subscriptions approved by the court and became competing towns for the seat of justice. An election was held with the following result: Middleburg, 1357; Selinsgrove, 922, and Freeburg, 208 votes; Middleburg thus becoming the county-seat.

Approaching the War Period.

Dark clouds were now hovering over the once bright firmanent of the Nation. The prospects of the future, which had appeared so fair and flattering were now threatened with dissolution. Secession was hotly agitated throughout the South, and even had its advocates in the North, upon the false doctrine of states' rights. Men in high civil and military rank resigned that they might be free to take up arms against the National Government. A number of southern states had passed the ordinance of secession when Fort Sumter was fired upon. Then came the ever famous call from our martyred President Abraham Lincoln for troops. Men and boys from every quarter quickly responded and went forth to their country's defense, and we find Snyder county and our own village were not lacking in patriotism. The following persons went forth from our town to fight the battles of our threatened country: H. D. Specht, Isaac Wetzel, L. R. Haines, David Getz, Sr., David Kempfer, Capt. L. C. Edmonds, J. Pharus Bachman, H. Irvin Bachman, J. Wellington Bachman, James F. Keller, Geo. Hackman, Jno. Getz, Wm. Spangler, Jerre Spangler, Ed. Mitchell, Jerre Money. Banks Dreese, Barney Hufford, W. H. Smith, J. W. Specht, D. Calvin Rothrock, G. A. Kline, W. H. H. Dreese, Isaac Getz, and Jos. Shirey. Besides these many from the country surrounding, went to do and die if need be for their country. Here we find the names of twenty-five out of a population of about one hundred and fifty who were willing to offer themselves upon their country's altar as a blood offering for their country's good and the liberty of many who now disdainfully pass the old soldiers by. We find this little town sent out over sixteen per cent of her population to fight for the preservation of the Union. It is doubtful whether many towns can boast of such a record, and our little town should and can feel proud that her record page of patriotism stands out in such bold relief. The County's record is also a matter of pride. Nearly 1500 men from the county served in the army during the war of the rebellion, and well deserve that tribute of respect in the proposed Soldier's Memorial.

For over four long years the war raged in fierce sanguinary conflict, and many of our brave boys who had made their breasts a barricade be-

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tween our country and its foes never lived to see the dawn of peace. Some died of sickness and disease, some on the bloody field of battle, and others starved in the damnable prisons of the south. We find the following inhabitants have come upon the scene at about this time: Dr. A.M.Smith, O. M. Klose, Alfred Smith, Wilson Dreese, Wilson and Reuben Klose, Anis Gross, Jacob Greenhoe, Wm. J. Klose, Isaac Wetzel, Sam'l F. Aurand, Sam'l Gundrum, Jonathan Spangler, Dr. J. O. Wagner, Geo. M. Smith, A. S. Helfrich, P. H. Knepp, Jno. Bolender, J. M. Baker, Thomas Keller, H. F. Klose, W. H. Smith, Irvin Smith, Pharus Bachman, D. W. Klose, Irvin Bachman, Wellington Bachman, Dr. Hiram J. Smith, Calvin Bachman, Rev. Chas. M. Aurand, Rev. Samuel Greenhoe, Charles Greenhoe, and others, and later we find, Rev. Romig, Rev. W. M. Landis, J. B. Spangler, Rev. W. F. Brown, Rev. Wm. Spangler, Dr. C. G. Smith, Jno. Bowersox, A. M. Aurand, H. M. Pontius, John O. Klingler, Ira Kline and many others now respected citizens of our town. Dr. A. M. Smith and A. S. Helfrich represented our county in the State Legislature.

Industries and Enterprises of the Town, Past and Present.

The first industry as far as can be learned was a tannery built in 1791, fifteen years before the town was laid out, by Jacob Hassinger, who did old fashioned tanning here for a number of years. This tannery was afterwards run by John Shirey, David Mertz, B. L. Raudenbush, and others, and was located on the lot now owned by J. M. Baker, Esq.

Barney Hufferd was proprietor of a pottery; Adam Specht conducted a match factory; Peter Smith, a hat manufactory. Among the blacksmiths during various periods were: Jacob Dreese, Samuel Kessler, Ed. Mitchell, W. H. Dreese, Jonathan Spangler, T. J. Keller, Wilson Dreese, and others. Henry Mitchell, tinsmith; Samuel Wetzel, cabinet maker and undertaker; L. R. Haines, harness maker; Reuben Klose, harness maker; Wm. Spangler, coach maker; Isaac Saltzman, coach maker; W. J. Klose, harness maker; W. F. Haines, harness maker; O. M. Klose, watch maker; C. C. Wetzel, cabinet maker; J. O. Klingler, wagon factory; Baker and Felker, whip factory; A. M. Aurand, printing establishment; Beaver Springs Creamery, D. F. Spaid, manager; J. A. Kearns, bicycles and typewriters; J. A. Catherman, chop mill; H. I. Romig, stoves, pumps, etc.

Merchants of the Town.

We find that during the last century the following named persons have been in the mercantile business in the town: Henry Mick, J. W. Snyder, Jacob Smith, John Frank, Geo. Miller and Geo. Oberdorf, John Bickel, Henry Smith, George and Isaac Smith, Reuben Keller, B. L. Raudenbush, H. Houser and W. H. H. Dreese, H. Houser and Jacob Greenhoe, Daniel Smith, H. I. Romig and C. M. Aurand, H. I. Romig, G. M. Smith and I. I. Manbeck, A. S. Helfrich, A. S. Helfrich and G. M. Smith, J. W. Specht and R. Fessler, J. W. Specht, A. H. Ulsh and Son (Ira), Wm. & Frank Harley and A. G. Bashar, Frank Harley and A. G. Bashar, E. S. and H. G. Manbeck, W. J. Klose and Adam Smith, Adam Smith, C. H. and C. R. Klose, J. B. Spangler and J. D. Haines, J. B. Spangler, R. F. Wagner and J. H. Ritter, Allen Fultz, R. F. Wagner, Harvey and Henry M. Pontius, H. M. Pontius, J. W. Bowersox, J. B. Spangler.

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Hotels.

Henry Mick was proprietor of the first Hotel of the town, then came, Charles Weirman, ——— Crossgrove, Reuben Keller, B. L. Raudenbush, Henry Houser, John Limbert, Noah Smith, E. C. Hamilton, Wm. Swenk, Robinson Middleswarth, Geo. M. Smith and W. E. Stahlnecker.

Manner of Harvesting.

The manner of cutting grain in the early days of our forefathers was by means of a sickle. The neighbors of certain districts would go together, cut, bind and shock the grain, mostly rye in the early days, then go to another neighbor and so on until the whole neighborhood had their grain cut. As many as fifteen to twenty would go together and help one another until the harvest work was done; after many years the grain cradle came into use, and was considered quite an improvement on the old way of cutting grain. A unique idea of the early settlers was that it was absolutely necessary to have a bottle of liquor in the harvest field, and every farmer of those days had from a half barrel to a barrel of old rye in his cellar, and they had some gay old times in harvesting. It was the custom to take an early breakfast, go into the harvestfield and work until about the middle of the forenoon, then some one would come into the field with a large basket or two, filled with good things, and the bottle filled with the sparkling liquor. After lunch they worked until dinner was ready, took dinner and worked on until night.

Threshing.

The old way of threshing out grain was with the flail, especially rye; wheat was more frequently tread out by horses. The manner of doing this was this way: The wheat sheaves were opened and spread out upon the threshing floor in the form of a circle, and from four to six horses were either ridden or lead around and around until the top side was well threshed out, it was then turned over and the process repeated until the grain was thoroughly threshed out. In order to prevent the horses from casting muck upon the wheat, some one was always ready with a large scoop shovel to catch the droppings. When thoroughly threshed, the horses were removed, and the grain and chaff shaken out of the straw by means of a large wooden fork ("schittle good"),thus the process was repeated until all the grain was threshed, then run over a fanning mill and cleaned, and was then ready for market.

Markets.

After the canal was built, the grain was hauled to Selinsgrove from this section and coal brought back on return trips, but before the canal was built, our farmers, in order to market their grain, were compelled to haul it to Reading or Philadelphia, the distance being great, to make as few trips as possible, they used the large English wagon bodies to take large loads, requiring from six to eight horses, and it took from ten to twelve days to make a trip and return.

Traveling.

Traveling in those early days was either on horse back or in the old time stage coach. These stage coaches also carried U. S. mail in connection with passengers. They used from two to four horses. Emigration

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was done in wagons having covers. The wagons used at that time generally had the English bodies which were large and capacious. He, who wished to emigrate would hitch up his horses, or more likely his oxen, dump in his truck (goods) chuck in his family, his dog and gun, and pull out for a new location.

Manner of Old Time Funerals.

In the event of a death the young people of the neighborhood would in the evening gather at the house of mourning to set up (wake) for the departed. About midnight the table was spread and all partook of a repast, remain all night and go home in the morning. This was repeated every night until the corpse was laid to rest. In those early days, 70 or 80 years ago, hearses were not in general use, you could scarcely find one in a whole county. They therefore used the large farm wagons for a hearse and also for conveying the mourners, or friends. The wagons in those days were built with the large English bodies, or boxes, with large end gates, which were removed and the corpse placed in the wagon. The end gate was placed on the ground, one at a time the mourners would step upon it and by the pall bearers, one at each corner, would be raised sufficiently high to enable them to readily step into the wagon, and take seats, chairs having already been placed there, and thus were taken to the cemetery, mostly using four horses to draw this improvised hearse,

Events and Incidents.

In those good old times, a hundred years ago, matches had not come into use, and fire was made in a queer manner. First a material gathered from old rotten wood or stumps, called punk, and thoroughly dried; when dry it would readily ignite. This was held to a flint (stone) and struck with a piece of steel, made to fit the knuckles, causing the sparks to fly in every direction, and any spark striking the punk would ignite it and soon they had a blazing fire.

Store coffee was a scarce article in those days, and people drank coffee made out of rye and wheat. Fruit was never canned, but always dried.

Writing.

Writing pens were unknown in the days of our forefathers, and writing was done by means of goose quills cut and shaped in the form of pens, and in the early history of the schools it was thought a teacher that was not able to properly cut and shape these quills did not understand his profession.

Illumination.

Before tallow candles came into use, our dear old grand mothers used to sew, spin, do all manner of work, and read, either by the fire in the hearth or by the light of a bird shaped lamp, the head and neck being hollow or tube like in shape to nicely admit a wick, something similar to the tube of a miner's lamp; the body was a vessel or sort of reservoir to hold the oil, or rather should say the lard, as lard was mostly used. This reservoir had a cover with a hinged lid to fit over and close up the lamp. The lamp had an attachment by which it could be hung upon a nail, or almost anywhere. The old grand mothers called this lamp "An Omshel."

The Raising of Flax.

In the good old days of a century or so ago it was not as it is today,

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that in the event of being in need of anything, and especially dry goods, clothing, etc., that they could go to a neighboring store and get what they wanted, but all wearing apparel had to be made, and the material therefore raised and for this purpose flax and wool were raised.

The flax seed was sown in April, and after it had ripened it was pulled out of roots and bunched in small sheaves three or four inches in thickness, and six or eight of these sheaves were put together in the manner of a shock. After it was well dried two or three of these shocks were bound together into large sheaves, with rye straw and hauled into barns and threshed. The seed was run over a fanning-mill and cleaned, then was ready for market, and was generally taken to the oil mill and sold for cash. The seed was put through a certain process and converted into pure (linseed) flaxseed oil. After the flax was all threshed it was taken and spread out in nice rows where it remained to receive several rains and dry out in turns until it was thoroughly sun-parched and became brittle. It was now again bound into sheaves, then put under roof to keep dry. It was now run over the flax-brake and thoroughly broken, then run over the (for want of a better name will call it) a whipping or switching wheel ("schwing wrought.") This being the first process of cleaning or separating the fibres from its woody like substance. The second process of cleaning was by means of a hackle, a comb-like arrangement, a block eight or ten inches long by about four inches wide, containing from fifty to seventy-five pointed spikes, three or four inches long. The flax was all drawn over this comb, and repeated until perfectly clean. It was now ready for spinning. It was spun into various thicknesses of thread, depending for what purpose it was intended to be used. During the process of spinning, this thread or yarn was wound on large spools, and from these spools it was run over the reel and made into hanks, these hanks were then, by hand, wound into balls, about half a dozen hanks on a ball. Next was the twisting of two or more threads together to make a heavier yarn, and was done by a regular spinning wheel or a wheel specially made for that purpose. Two of these balls were put into some receptacle to hold them during the process of twisting together. The ends of two or more balls were fastened to a spool on the spinning wheel and always kept taut while the wheel was running, and by experienced hands these threads were twisted together very compactly. After the yarn was finished it was again run over the reel and bound into hanks, and was now ready for the weaver. It was woven into cloth of all grades of fineness, some being of the finest of fabrics. These finer cloths were spread out upon the grass and occasionally sprinkled with water until bleached to a perfect whiteness.

Sheep and Wool.

Sheep were raised by nearly every farmer, and by some quite extensively, not only for the wool, but for mutton as well. The sheep were shorn in the month of May, and the wool taken to the creek to be washed, after being thoroughly washed, it was spread out upon the grass to dry. After it was dry, it was bound up in sheets or large cloths and put away until some convenient time when it was picked apart between the thumbs and fingers until it was all gone over with, and all dirt and foreign substances removed. This work was called "Wul Stchuppa." It then again was tied up in sheets and sent to the carding mill to be card-

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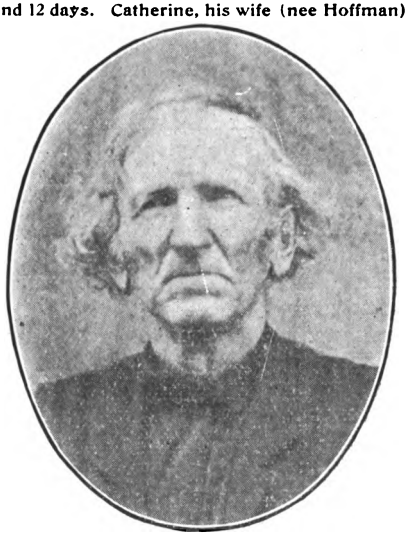
ed. The carding was the work by some sort of machinery, of rolling or working the wool into beautiful rolls of about one half inch in thickness, and about three feet long, and was now ready for spinning into yarn, and after spinning and the process of twisting the same, as with the flax, it was ready for use, for knitting, or weaving into cloth of every variety. Sometimes the coarser of the woolen yarns were taken with the coarser of the flaxen yarns and used about half and half to make men's heavy wear for winter, and was called, "Holblina."

Two Pioneer Settlers of the Town.

JACOB DREESE.

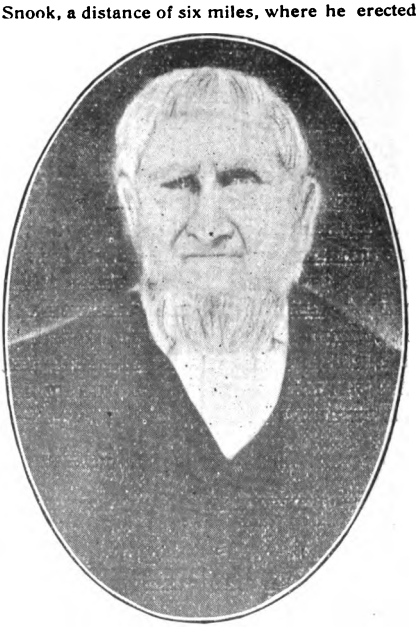
Mr. Dreese was born February 23, 1801, and died February 5, 1890, aged 88 years, 11 months and 12 days. Catherine, his wife (nee Hoffman)



died February 9, 1881, aged 71 years, 9 months and 16 days. The family consisted of five boys and three girls, viz: Wm. H., Ed., Irvin, Wilson, Ephraim, Sarah, Elizabeth and Mary. Elizabeth died at the age of two years; Irvin was killed by the kick of a horse, and Sarah died in the state of Indiana. Mr. Dreese was born a mile north of Beaver Springs and learned the blacksmith trade at Middleburg with James Barbin, which occupation he followed for some forty years at Adamsburg, now Beaver Springs.

JOHN SNOOK.

Mr. Snook was one of the pioneer settlers of the town. He was a son of John Snook who was born January 2, 1770; and died October 26, 1864. The subject of this sketch was born April 26, 1807, in a little log cabin beside the small stream at or near the present site of the creamery in this town, when the town was but one year old, and died August 21, 1898. He was buried in the St. John's (Ridge) cemetery, West Beaver township. The old man frequently expressed himself in his later years of the dear scenes of his childhood, which were stamped indelibly upon his memory. He told of three houses at this place, two on the main road and one on the hill where Old Adam Rager lived. The writer questioned him concerning the large spring (Haines') to which he replied: "I have not known of any particular spring there, but it was a desolate, swampy and marshy place, covered with forest and heavy undergrowth." He was married to Susanna, daughter of Henry Goss, who was of English descent and emigrated from New Jersey at an early date and cut a road through the forest south westward all the way from Troxelville to within about 150 yards south of where the buildings stand on the resident farm of Emanuel G. Snook, a distance of six miles, where he erected



a log cabin. Emanuel Snook is the only son of John Snook and was born in 1846. He was the grandfather of J. F. Snook, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, of Beaver Springs.

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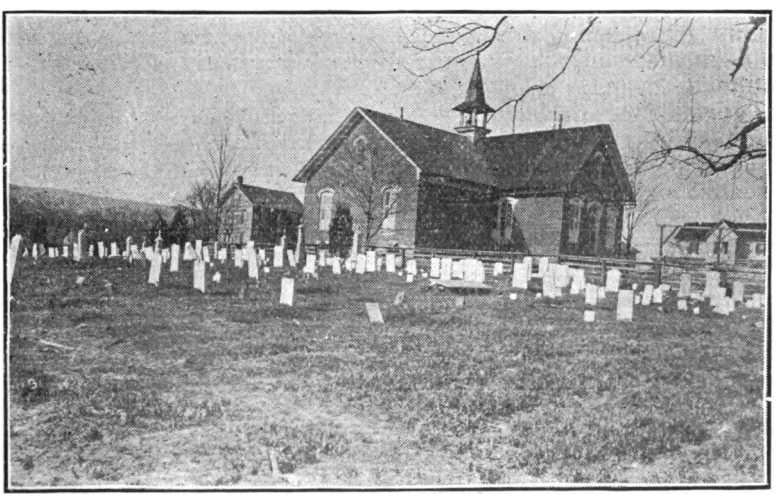
The Beaver Springs Public Schools.

By J. F. KELLER, Esq.

The third historic act of the Legislature of Pennsylvania was that which provided for the education of all the children in the Commonwealth at the expense of the public treasury, passed in 1834.

Previous to the enactment of this great law more than 200 acts had been passed in reference to this subject, for the people of Pennsylvania have ever been the friends and advocates of education and at no period of their history were the efforts relaxed to attain greater perfection in the organization and administration of a system of public schools.

The act of 1834 inaugurated a new era in education in this state. From that time forward steady progress has been made. At times it was slow, and to many imperceptible, but public sentiment was never stagnant, and legislation never went backward. With this law the foundation of the system of common schools now in use was laid. It provided



The Four-Room Public School House. (The Old Cemetery in the Foreground.)

that a tax should be levied on all taxable property and inhabitants, that townships, boroughs and wards should be school districts, and that schools should be maintained at public expense. The establishment and supervision of schools in each district were intrusted to a board of six directors to be chosen by the legal voters. The people in each township were allowed to determine by an election whether the new school system should be adopted or rejected, and an election upon this question might be held once in three years. The secretary of the Commonwealth was made superintendent of schools and the Legislature was authorized to appropriate funds annually from the State treasury in aid of the work of education.

In 1835 a powerful effort was made to repeal this law, but through the exertions of Thaddeus Stevens, then a member of the legislature, aided by Governor Wolf, who promised to use the veto power if necessary,

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the new system was successfully defended and free schools were permanently established in Pennsylvania.

In many districts the law was not accepted. The state had been settled by an intelligent, liberty-loving people, who had fled from Europe to escape the tyranny of governments, wherein arbitrary law destroyed liberty of conscience, and oppressed independent Christians. They valued free education as highly as they valued free worship and free speech. All denominations of Christians, whether Protestant or Catholic, came to Pennsylvania bringing their preachers and school teachers, and by the side of the log church they built the log school house in every county and in every settlement. The work of educating all the children was made the sacred duty of the church, and because our ancestors feared that the state would not do this work as well as the church did it, they opposed the common school system. They loved education, they favored free schools, but they distrusted state supervision. But time has wrought a great change, public sentiment has been educated along this line and today every true Pennsylvanian prides himself and boasts of our Public School System.

Many changes and improvements have been made in our public schools since the adoption of the Free School System. The term has been extended several times.

We will now venture to give a brief account of the schools of Beaver Springs. The first school house in the village is supposed to have been erected at the east end of the village near the end of the old cemetery. There was a dwelling house attached to the building for the use of the teacher.

The first teacher known to have occupied this dwelling was Henry Young, who taught an English and German school.

After the adoption of the Free School System a second building was erected at the west end of the village on the site where Clymer Romig has now erected a dwelling house. Soon after the second building was erected the one at the east end was destroyed by fire. A new building was built upon the same ground and the schools were kept in these buildings for several years after the Civil War, when the buildings were condemned and a new two-story brick building was erected on Market street. After having been in use for several years the Board of Directors sold it to Edward Knepp, who converted it into a dwelling house. Mr. Knepp sold it sometime afterwards to J. W. Snook, who is still living in it. After having sold this building the Board of Directors erected another brick building one-story high, containing four rooms, on Market street, which is still in use.

Following are some of the teachers who taught in these schools :

H. G. Norris, Edward Margretz, Amos Ober, David Heckendorn (who afterwards became the superintendent of Snyder county), Isaac Rothrock, S. P. Orwig (who later became a Lutheran minister), Eli Rothrock, W. N. Kiester, William Unangst, Charles Haus, Mary Haus, Annie Lutz, George Lambert, Adam Smith, Isaac Wetzel, James F. Keller, K. C. Walter, I. N. Johns, John Kern, Charles L. Wetzel, Elmer E. Wetzel, Laura M. Keller, Annie Shirey, Ophir Felker, Samuel Miller, Allen Pawling, George Hackman, W. H. Smith, J. O. Kempfer, Ira Filson, Ida Heckendorn, W. H. Kline, Ira Kline, Clymer Romig, Reuben Hassinger, Charles R. Klose, A. W. Musser, W. I. Keller, Fannie Kieser, May Shinkle, Esta Youngman, Estella Romig and Lester Derr.

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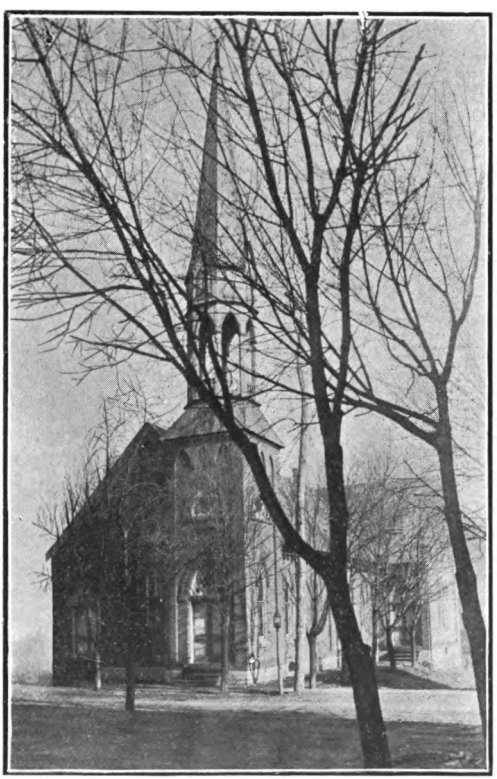
The Churches of Beaver Springs

History of Christ Reformed Church.

By W. J. KLOSE, Esq.

The first organizations of the Reformed Church in this valley, as far as can be gleaned from the very imperfect records at hand, was effected between the years 1750 and 1760. Then the sainted Rev. Schlatter began to preach at Selinsgrove, Hassinger's, then known as Royer's Bridge, Adamsburg, called Beaver Dam and Black Oak Ridge, and later organized congregations at Middleburg, Beavertown, Troxelville and De-



CHRIST REFORMED CHURCH.

catur, or better known as Samuel's. In the early days when the faithful Rev. Dr. Schlatter went the rounds of this extensive field feeding the hungry souls with the bread of life, the good old fathers were of necessity obliged to carry their old flint locks almost constantly with them, even on Sundays to their place of worship as a protection against the squads or

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bands of prowling Indians. The exact date of the beginning of the pastorate of Rev. Schlatter we cannot determine, nor have we data to show how long he continued his labors in the field. It is however certain that he labored here long and faithful, and laid the foundation from which sprung up all the Reformed Churches in this region. Who succeeded Rev. Schlatter is not definitely determined, there may have been others, but the first after him of whom we find an account in an old church record, which is written in German, and is very incomplete, is the Rev. Geisweit. This German record was translated by Rev. W.M. Spangler, Eph Romig and Solomon Steininger, and on one of the pages we find the following: Communion services were held on Trinity Sunday, 1800. The names of the communicants are given as they appear: The preacher, Henry Miller, of Harrisburg, Jacob and Susanna Hoffman, Henry and Elizabeth Oberdorf, Adam and Charlotte Reger, John ——, John Meyer, Eve Elizabeth Meyer, Margaret Mater, Henry and Catherine Gross, Jacob Trau, Bernhart Eberhardt, Dorothy Eberhardt, Christopher Kline, Joseph Goss, Philip Eberhardt, Frederick and Susana Stein, Henry and Katherine Romig, Jacob and Katherine Fry, Andrew Smail, George and Katherine Trau, Mary Grosskoppe, Mary Margaret Wagoner, Elizabeth Youngman, Henry Goss, Henry and Elizabeth McNulty, Susan Laub, Eve Gran, Magdalina Eifeldorf, Magdalina Louter. The following explanation was given:

The aforesaid Sunday fell upon the 3rd day of June on which date the church service was held and the officiating preacher was Reformed. Pastor Miller preached from 1st Cor. 3: 16 and 17, and Rev. Geisweit from Psalm 25 : 10. Upon permission the vestrymen, Lutheran and Reformed, the officers of Salem's church, that is, the present council was installed.

Trustees: Lutheran, Bernhardt Eberhardt, Peter Wagner. Elders, Lutheran, Adam Reger, John Moyer. Reformed, Casper Waunnocher. Deacons, Lutheran, Herman Oberdorf, Jacob Hoffman. Reformed, Christopher Weis, Michael Mourer.

We notice the officers installed at this time were both Lutheran and Reformed and may infer from that fact that even before the erection of a church building these services were union in character, and by reason of the fact that Rev. Miller was given precedence in occupying the pulpit and that it mentions that he is from Harrisburg we conclude he was only temporarily occupying the pulpit, and Rev. Geisweit following in his discourse is evidence that he was the regular minister in this large field at this time. We find the name of Mr. Geisweit mentioned in the old church record as late as the year 1805. When his labors began or how long they continued we are unable to determine, but what we may excogitate from the fragments of history at command may conclude he on the side of the Reformed and Rev. Gentzel for the Lutherans formed the first union church organization at Beaver Dam, about the year 1796, and that Rev. Geisweit continued his labors here until sometime after the erection of the first church building. The exact date or year when the first church was erected is problematical, but the time may of a certainty be located between 1800 and 1809, to be more exact possibly in 1807, at least after 1806 the year the plan of the town was laid, there is no doubt of this, from the very fact of the location of the church on the corner of Market street and Ridge Lane, and it is not plausible that the

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town was planned to fit the location of the church had it been previously built.

Building a School House.

We find a subscription list in the old church record bearing date — 1809, soliciting funds to erect a school house near Beaver Dam church. This is conclusive evidence that the church was erected before 1809 and that there was no regular school building before that date. The list names Bernhardt Eberhardt and Jacob Dreese as the building committee, and the following subscribed thereto: David Fry, Daniel Romig, John Snook, John Kessler, Philip Wagner, Jacob Bordner, Christian Mourer, Henry Kern, Adam Bear, Jacob Lomiller, Daniel Hassinger, who subscribed 400 feet boards for the upper floor; Thomas Youngman and others whose names are undescipherable. The amount raised by this subscription was $25.80.

Completion of School House.

Then followed another subscription to complete the school house near the Beaver Dam church, and names John Lehr and John Royer as the new building committee, with the following as subscribers: Henry Mick, George Roush, John Detwiler, Joseph Romig, John Romig, Frederick Haines, Solomon Romig, Adam Krick, John McGill, John Wagner, John Conrad Weiser, John Cummings, Christopher Maurer, William Idler, John Snook, Jacob Lomiller, Adam Lehr, Samuel Aurand, Valentine Grim, David Try, Daniel Hassinger, George Deobler, John Gross, Abraham Keller, Jacob Keller, Philip Swanger, John Renchelderfer, Philip Wagner, Herman Oberdorf, Jacob Fourtney, Adam Winter, Abraham Kaley, Peter Dreese; the latter subscribed 80 feet boards or four shillings. Total amount subscribed $31.57.

Purchasing A Stove or Stoves for the Church.

We find in this old church record a subscription list for raising funds to purchase a stove for the church at Beaver Dam, Northumberland county, but now Union county, bearing date of Jan. 2, 1812, and contains the following names: Mathias Oberdorf, Michael Mourer, George Try, Thomas Youngman, Henry Diehl, Michael Kline, Christian Kline, John Kline, John Romig, George Riegel, Jacob Koons, Maria Elizabeth Felker, Adam Reger, Solomon Keiser, George Miller, John Dreese, John Gross, Mathias Try, Adam Krick, Henry Mick, Henry Grim, John Lehr, Daniel Gross, Adam Bear, Jr., George Weis, Sr., John Wise, Jr., Benjamin Zeiber, Christian Reger, Valentine Grim, Frederick Haines, Henry Kern, John Strouse, John Rearick, Jacob Dreese, John Snook, Peter Dreese, Sr., John Lechner, John Lepley, Peter Lehr, Daniel Lehr, John Royer, Joseph Lehr, John Folk, Jacob Lomiller, John Jacob Breiner, Herman Oberdorf, John Conrad Weiser, Simon Snyder, Jr., Andrew Snyder, Abraham Miller, Adam Lehr, Sr., Bernhardt Eberhardt, Jr., Jonathan Eberhardt, George Roush, John Deobler, Sr., Jacob Kern, Joseph Romig, Abraham Keller, Christian Mourer, George Shilling, John Snook, F. C. Walter, and a few others. Total amount subscribed $42.42.

Purchasing a Stove for School House.

We still find another list on record in this old church book for the purchasing of a stove for the school house near Beaver Dam church,

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dated —, 1813, and contains the following names: John Romig, Joseph Romig, Bernhard Eberhardt, Philip Wagner, Christopher Haines, Jacob Lomiller, John Dreese, George Deobler, John Folk, Philip Mitchell, John Conrad Weiser, (Weiser subscribed $1 towards the stove and 75c towards purchasing pipe,) Henry Kern, John Gross, Maria Elizabeth Felker, George Roush, John Reger, Solomon Romig, Valentine Grim and Thomas Youngman; amount subscribed $23.00.

Subscription to Erect a Fence Around Cemetery.

We copy another subscription list from the old church record. This list was for the purpose of raising money to purchase material to erect a fence around the cemetery which was to be made of posts, rails and clapboards, (clapboards as we understand are pailings split out like the old fashioned lap shingles instead of being sawed out.) This effort was made in 1823, and the list contains the following names: Henry Grim, John Deobler, Adam Reger, John Gross, John Lehr, John Gross, Adam Krick, Herman Oberdorf, Adam Lehr, Christian Kline, Michael Mourer, Philip Wagner, Daniel Hassinger, Christina Mourer, Michael Wagner, Thomas Youngman, Henry Diehl, Peter Dreese, Jacob Dreese, John Lechner, John Detwiler, John Romig, Henry Mick, John Boney, George Try, John Shout, Isaac Gerhart, Reformed minister, Simon Aigler, Peter Snook, Sr., John Romig, Solomon Romig, John Cummings, Esq., John Conrad Weiser, Ner Middleswarth, Peter Aigler, and Jonathan Eberhardt, amount subscribed $21.25. These subscription lists are given in this connection for the triple purpose of showing at about what time the first church was erected, the first schoolhouse built and to show who were the early settlers in this vicinity.

The Churches.

Before the churches were built the people from great distances would gather and hold Christian worship in barns, and to show the faith of the old pioneers will mention for the benefit of the rising generations, that after the first church in this town was built people gathered in from such great distances that it is at this date hardly creditable. They came from Juniata county on foot across the Shade mountain to join in the worship of the Triune God, and the place which once marked a path across the mountain is still known as the church path, (karich-a-pawt). The first church of our town was located in the southeast corner of the old cemetery, on Market street and Ridge Lane, (as heretofore mentioned) and was built of logs, in the style and architecture of that day, having galleries on three sides, with the pulpit swallow-nest style sticking up, rather elevated, against the fourth wall, and was a joint Lutheran and Reformed church and stood until the year 1854 or '55, when it was taken down and material used in the construction of a more modern church. The old church contained a large pipe organ which was carefully removed and placed in the new church, the cornerstone of which was laid on the 28th day of May, 1855, and was dedicated Nov. 4, 1856. The second, or new church was of the same denominations as the first and was jointly used as such until the year 1877, when on July 1st the members of the two divisions of the church agreed on a separation, the members of the Reformed church agreeing to pay to their Lutheran brethren the sum of $400 for the relinquishment of all their rights, title and claims to the

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church. The Lutherans immediately set to work raising funds and material for the erection of a new church which was located on S. W. corner Market Square and when completed made an imposing appearance.

The Fourth or New Reformed Church.

The Reformed people continued to worship in the old church until the year 1884 when the members decided to erect a new church. A building committee, consisting of Rev. Landis, H. H. Laub and Samuel Shirey, was appointed and the work of getting funds and material was begun. It was tedious and very burdensome work, but the labor was continued until the church was completed. The old church was sold to Maj. Wm. H. Byers Post No. 384 who converted it into a Hall. The right of the Auditorium however was reserved for the use of the carpenters for the winter in order that such work as the seats, doors, window boxing, etc., might be made during the winter. The pipe organ was removed and sold to Solomon Steininger, but unfortunately while in his possession was destroyed by fire. The congregation worshiped in the north room of the present school building until Christmas day, 1885, when services were first held in the Chapel of the church. The first confirmation and Communion was held on the 9th day of May, 1886, in the auditorium, though not yet painted. The hoisting doors dividing the Chapel and the auditorium were up and both rooms were well filled. The church was finished in the early summer and on June 20, 1886, was dedicated to the worship of the Triune God amidst a vast concourse of people. Rev. S. K. Huber, of Skippackville, Montgomery Co., Pa., and Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, of Altoona, and Rev. Deitz were present. Rev. Huber preached the dedicatory sermon assisted by Rev. Deitz. Anthems of praise were sung by Prof. Wm. Moyer and his brother Philip and their daughters Ida, Mayme, Anna and Emma.

This fine church cost about $7,000 and is located on the identical lot where once stood that stately old hostelry, the old Mick mansion, where for years spirits evil, that filled the head and stomach were passed out, but the bad has been replaced by the good, a better, a purer, a Holier Spirit is now passed out and worketh much good to them that love the Lord.

List of Reformed Ministers Who Served the Beaver Springs Charge, from First to Last.

First was the Rev. ——— Schlatter, who effected the first Reformed organization, labored long and faithful in this then extensive field; dates of his service can not be given. Next to follow was the Rev. ——— Gustweit, who served possibly from about 1795 to 1810, or 1812. He was succeeded by Rev. ——— Adam in whose honor, it is claimed, the name of the town was changed from Regerstown to that of Adamsburg. How long he continued his labors here we are unable to determine, but he must have labored for quite a number of years in this charge. His successor, the Rev. Isaac Gerhart, we find as one of the contributors to the fund for building the cemetery fence in 1823, and how long he fed the lambs in this flock we have no record. He was followed by Rev. John Felix, Rev. Daniel Weiser, Rev. Henry Bassler and Rev. John Hoffheinz. These labored for the Lord in this vineyard between the year 1823, the pastorate of Rev. Gerhart, and the year 1837, for we learn

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from very reliable sources that in 1837 the Rev. Frederick Herman was the regular pastor in this charge. The Rev. Adolf B. Casper succeeded him and must have labored in this charge in the latter '40's. He labored with good results, and is still kindly remembered by many of our oldest people. He was in turn succeeded by Rev. William G. Hackman, about the year 1849, who also is kindly remembered by those of his flock still remaining; his services in this field ended and Rev. M. G. Schultz followed him in 1858, and continued until 1863, when he left here in the spring and accepted a call from the state of Indiana. He labored in his new field but a few months, when one day his horse ran away, injuring him so badly that he died a few days after. His remains were brought east, and lie buried in the Ridge cemetery. Then in order of succession came our much beloved and respected brother, the Rev. L. C. Edmonds, who all remember gratefully. He labored long and faithfully with abundant success, which is attested to by the fact of the large number of persons confirmed by him during his labors while in this charge, the total being 631. When the good brother assumed the duties of this charge it included Middleburg, Hassinger's, Beavertown, Adamsburg, Troxelville, Black Oak Ridge, and Samuel's, however during his pastorate the charge was divided and Middleburg and Hassinger's churches were cut off, thus lightening, somewhat the minister's burdens. His labors were continued for 13 years or until the year 1876. He was succeeded by the Rev. Abraham Romig, who is well remembered by all, as a good faithful servant of the Lord. His labors here ended in 1878 or 1879, when again pastor Edmonds took up the ministerial work, he about three years before laid down and he put forth the same earnestness and zeal in the work for the Lord, which he had previously done, with the same unbounded success, but unfortunately in 1883 was again called to other fields of labor. How his labors among this people was appreciated and lovingly remembered is attested to by the costly gift of a solid sterling silver, heavily gold plated Loving Cup presented to him and Mrs. Edmonds at their golden wedding, at Ford City, Pa., on Easter Monday April 16, 1906.

Next, in turn of succession, came Rev. William M. Landis, who began his pastorate September 30, 1883. His labors were tedious, laborious and burdensome, and under his pastorate all, or nearly all, the churches of this charge (5) were either remodeled or built anew. He was one of the building committee for the church here. Under his management the Reformed parsonage here was also erected, and the lamented brother deserves much credit for his faithful service. He held his first communion November 23, 1883, and his last communion before his departure for another field, on October 19, 1898. Rev. H. H. Spahn followed in turn, and began his pastorate in January, 1899, and tried hard to please all, was very jolly and sociable and his ministerial labors are of so recent date that they are still fresh in the memories of his people. His first communion was held on April 23, 1899, and his last on May 1, 1904. He left many friends at his departure, and on December 1, 1904, was succeeded by the present pastor Rev. F. W. Brown, who held his first communion on January 8, 1905. His labors among this people for the last two years, have met the approbation of all. He is very studious, earnest, zealous and faithful in the field of christian work, and may his life, his health and strength be spared unto him that the

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blessed Gospel of our Lord and Saviour may be continued to be promulgated by him indefinitely.

The Fifth Church.

The G. A. R. Hall, formerly the old church, was in about the year sold to the M.E.church, who razed it to the ground and constructed a new church on the spot. The membership being weak it was of but a few years' duration, when it was sold, and removed to Bedford county.

The first communion in this town of which we have any record was held in the year 1800, (Names in German in old church record.) The first class confirmed and second communion of which we have record was held April 17, 1824. (Names in English in old church record.)

REV. F. W. BROWN.

Franklin Wilson, the second son of Henry and Rachael Brown, was born near Lewisburg, Pa., on Dec. 31st, 1849. He was raised on the farm, working on his father's farm in summer and at-

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tended the township school in winter. After going to Bucknell Academy one term he taught the township school where he was raised; two years after this he taught another term in the same township. From that time he attended Bucknell University until prepared to enter the Junior class in college in the regular classical course; he then went to Mercersburg College, located at Mercersburg, Pa., and graduated from college in June, 1876, receiving the degree of A. B. In the fall of 1876 he entered the theological course in Mercersburg college and completed the course in theology in May, 1879; received the degree of A. M. from his Alma Mater. Thus he received instruction in the institution of which the sainted Rev. E. E. Higbee, D. D., was president, who afterwards was appointed State superintendent of public schools of Pennsylvania. After completing his college and theological course, Mr. Brown spent nearly two years on the farm again; then was sent by the Mission Board of the Reformed church to Iowa and took charge of the Brandon Mission, and was ordained to the Gospel ministry in the Reformed church on the 15th day of May, 1881. He was engaged in mission work in the west, organizing congregations and building churches until June 1st, 1884, when he accepted a call to the Schellsburg charge in Bedford county, residing at Schellsburg, where he labored successfully till the autumn of 1888, when he accepted a call to the Pine Run charge, Westmoreland county, Pa., residing at North Washington, Pa. Here he labored three years, then accepted a call to the Nittany Valley charge in Centre county, Pa., residing at Walker, Pa. In this charge he labored two and one-half years; then came to the Aaronsburg charge, residing at Aaronsburg, Centre county, Pa., eight and one-half years. Now he accepted a call to Emanuel charge in Westmoreland Co., Pa., residing at Manor Dale, Pa., where he labored very successfully for two years, when on account of failing health of himself and wife, he left and accepted a call to the Beaver Springs charge and began his labors here on the first day of December, 1904. During his life in the ministry, Rev. Brown has organized six congregations, built five churches, re-built four churches and repaired a number of churches and parsonages. On Jan. 1st, 1884, Rev. Brown was married to Miss Emma B. Brown, of Lewisburg, by Rev. R. L. Gerhart, D. D. She has been a devoted and faithful pastor's wife. There were never any children born to this family.

CHRIST REFORMED CHURCH PARSONAGE.

The Great June Flood, 1889.

During the night of May 31—June 1, 1889, occurred the heaviest fall of rain, caused by cloud-bursts, that has ever been known by the people here. A good part of the town was submerged from a few inches to three feet in depth and much damage was done. Gardens were destroyed, cellars flooded, farm animals and poultry drowned, nearly all bridges swept away, railroads destroyed and mail service suspended for several days. Railroad traffic could not be resumed for several weeks. In many sections dwelling houses and barns were carried away by the raging waters. This was the memorable occasion of the Johnstown flood calamity, where many hundreds of people lost their lives.

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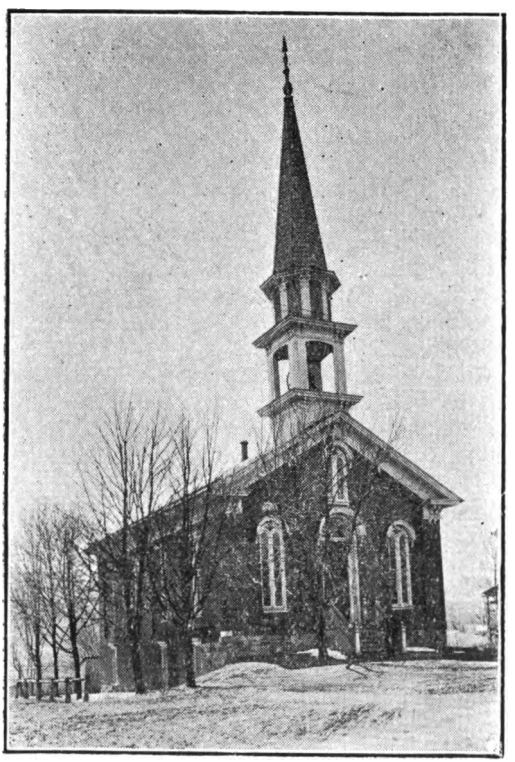
History of the Lutheran Church.

By REV. W. M. SPANGLER and W. J. KLOSE, Esq.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Beaver Springs was organized as St. John's Lutheran church of Beaver Dam, Beaver township, then Northumberland county, later Union county, and now Snyder county, in 1796 (exact date not available), by Rev. John Mathias Gent-



ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

zel, pastor, of whom we find the following record in an old church record unearthed by Rev. F. W. Brown, Reformed minister, and W. J. Klose while searching the library in the parsonage for just such information.

CHURCH RECORD

of the Evangelical Lutheran congregation at Beaver Dam, in Beaver township, Northumberland county, bought in the year of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 1796, by the serving officers, Jacob Hoffman and Herman Oberdorf.

Write my name at best into the book of life,
And bind my soul quite fast into a covenant beautiful
That shall in heaven be ever green, and with Thee life is free,
So will I ever praise because the heart at rest shall be.

—John Mathias Gentzel, at the time Lutheran preacher in Beaver Twp., A. D. 1796.

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Rev. Gentzel came to a sad and sudden death by drowning in the Middle creek at Royer's bridge and lies buried in the grave yard at the Hassinger's church.

For several years the congregation worshipped in barns. The first church building, a union church, Lutheran and Reformed, was dedicated between 1800 and 1809, exact date not obtainable. Who served the congregation during this period and subsequently for a number of years the records do not show, until Rev. J. Conrad Walter took charge in 1807 and served twelve years, until his death, Aug. 11, 1819. Rev. J. P. Shindel, Sr., of Sunbury, served as a supply for nearly a year, when Rev Jacob W. Smith was called and served ten years, till 1831. We find in the old church record previously mentioned that the Rev. Jacob W. Smith confirmed a class of catechumens and held communion services on the 17th day of April, 1824. The names of the catechetical class are: Samuel Waggoner, Henry Miller, Jacob Haines, David Try, Thomas Youngman, John Romig, William Vanover, Samuel Dreese, Michael Kern, Joseph Diemer, Adam Youngman, Jacob Hook, Elizabeth Benner, Susana Minich, Barbara Waggoner, Susana Lepley, Magdalena Romig, Cath. Zerbe, Amanda Cath. Roush, Maria Keller, Maria Woomer, Maria Kern, Cath. Shirer, Elizabeth Kern, Eveline Fortney, Susana Sworm, Magdalene Hook, Elizabeth Hook, Mary Dreese. The following communed at this time: Geo. Rengler, Mary Oberdorf, Nancy Detweiler, Adam Rager, Sr., and wife, Elizabeth Mohart, Margaret Lechner, Mary Moyer, Hannah Lehr, Hannah Miller, Cath. Woomer, Elizabeth Hummel, Elizabeth Detweiler, Elizabeth Wildo, Cath. Wise, Cath. Gross, Jacob Dreese and wife, Elizabeth Hook, Cath. Dreese, Elizabeth Royer, Mary Dreese, Peter Kern and wife, John Reger and wife, Mary Lomiller, Geo. Oberdorf and wife, Geo. Roush and wife, Barbara Keller, Philip Markley and wife, Jacob Long and wife, Henry Felker and wife, Geo. Miller and wife, John Haine, Christian Lepley and wife, Philip Wagner, Geo. Troy and wife, Joseph Romig and wife, Magdalene Romig, Valentine Grimm and wife, Elizabeth Straus, Cath. Wagner, Philip Confer and wife, Christian Aigler, Abraham Keely and wife, Frederick Haines, Solomon Troy, Jesse Romig and wife, Susana Romig, Joseph Samsel and wife, Henry Roush, Adam Lepley and wife, John Romig and wife, Wm. Try, Rachael Try, Hannah Try. Jiney Try, Mena Try, Judy Try, Elizabeth Howell, Michael Valentine and wife, Sarah Valentine, Jacob Herbster, Jr., and wife, Peter Wagner and wife, Conrad Rarich and wife, Daniel Gross and wife, Christian Rarich, Solomon Romig and wife, Jacob Zerbe, Nancy Try, Adam Rager, Jr., Magdalene Lepley, Rev. Jacob W. Smith, (29 confirmed. and 98 communed,) whose life came to a tragic end by his own hand. Rev. Wm. Garman served as pastor of the Middleburg charge to which the congregation belonged from 1831 to 1838, when this congregation severed its connection from said charge and identified itself with another charge (name not given), congregations located at New Berlin, Centreville and possibly Troxelville, and Samuel's church in Mifflin county. Rev. J. P. Shindel, Jr., took charge in 1838. During this pastorate the second church was built, also a union church. The corner stone was laid May 28th, 1855. It was dedicated Nov. 4th, 1856.

The following pastors are known to have served the pastorate in the order given, although the dates of their elections and resignations are not obtainable with accuracy: Rev. J. G. Groenmiller, Rev. Jacob Kempfer

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took charge in 1860; Rev. J. G. Breininger, 1863; Rev. Richard Lazarus served from 1865 to 1869; Rev. Jacob Kempfer was pastor a second time from 1869 to 1871. Rev. W. R. Wieand took charge of the then known Adamsburg charge, of which St. John's union church was part, in 1872, and remained in charge until March 28th, 1880. On July 1st, 1877, the two congregations agreed to separate and the Lutherans, with their pastor, at once took steps to organize themselves into a separate congregation and erect a house of worship, they having sold their interest in the union church to the Reformed congregation for $400.

On Aug. 9th, 1877, such action was taken, as was necessary to proceed with the procuring of lots and the erection of the building, said

church to be called St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran church of Adamsburg. The Sunday school room was dedicated July 7th, 1878. The audience room was dedicated Nov. 10th, 1879. The cost of the church and lots was $6000. Ministers present at the dedication were: Revs. H. C. Shindel, S. G. Shannon, who preached the dedicatory sermon, P. Sheeder, I. Irvine, J. E. Honeycutt, A. Romig (Reformed), and W. R. Weiand, pastor.

On July 1st, 1880, a call was extended to Rev. W. G. Gettle, a theological student to supply the charge for three months. This call was accepted. Nov. 15, 1880, a call was extended to Rev. M. L. Deitzler to become pastor, which was accepted. Rev. Deitzler resigned March 30th, 1885. He was succeeded by Rev. H. A. Letterman on May 16th, 1885, who resigned in the summer of 1886—date of day and month not given.

At a meeting of the Juniata Conference of the Synod of Central Pennsylvania a successful effort was made on Nov. 21st, 1886, to sever this congregation from the Adamsburg charge and form the now called Beaver charge by forming a union with the Lutheran church of Beavertown, connected until now with the Middleburg charge. The first joint council meeting of the newly formed charge was held on Nov. 28, 1886, one week after the action of conference, when said action was ratified and

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a constitution governing the charge was formulated and adopted. Rev. J. C. Mumma was elected pastor, accepted and entered upon his work on May 14th, 1887. He was the first pastor under the new relationship and served the charge until July 1st, 1890. Rev. G. C. H. Haaskarl was elected and began his work on Oct. 5th, 1890, and served to March 1st, 1892. Rev. W. H. Fahs became his successor, serving the charge from May 3, 1892, to Sept. 19th, 1894. During this pastorate the present comfortable parsonage was built at a cost of $1800. Rev. B. F. Kautz became pastor on June 16th, 1895, and remained in charge until the spring of 1898. Rev. I. P. Zimmerman took charge Aug. 1st, 1898, and served the charge until Oct. 16th, 1904. Rev. W. M. Spangler, the present pastor, began his work on May 1st, 1905.

REV. WILLIAM M. SPANGLER.

The subject of this sketch was born on a farm near Friedens, Somerset county, Pa., on the 2d of February, 1849. He is the son of Michael and Hannah Spangler. His great-grandfather on his father's side came from Wittenberg, Germany, and his grandfather on his mother's side was of Scotch-Irish extraction. He was reared to farm-life in which occupation his early years were spent. At the age of six years began his initiation into school-life. It was a country school he attended about a mile from his father's farm. The school house was built of hewed logs and was one among the first in the county, and was therefore quite old. The furniture was among the simplest. A ten-plate cast-iron stove stood in the middle of the room. Large chunks of wood were used in it to keep the room warm. The benches were made of slabs. The desks

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were made of boards that were hand-planed and nailed on wooden pins driven into the logs along the sides and ends of the building. This old log school-house, however, gave way to a better and more modern building in the course of a few years. At the age of 17 he attended a term of Normal school of 10 weeks at Stoyestown, Pa. During the following winter he attended the public school. Attending another term of Normal school of ten weeks at the place already mentioned, he taught his first term of public school at the age of 18. He taught public school four winters, using the summer vacations in preparation for better work by attending two terms of Normal school of 10 weeks each at Stoyestown, Pa.; and two terms of select school of ten weeks each in the academy at Somerset, Pa. In the spring of 1870 he matriculated as a student of Missionary Institute at Selinsgrove, now known as Susquehanna University. He completed his classical course at this institution at the commencement of 1874. He then entered the theological seminary at Gettysburg where he received his theological training. He was licensed to preach the gospel by Allegheny Synod (Lutheran) at its meeting in Altoona in September, 1876. He was ordained to the gospel ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran church by the same Synod at its meeting in Trinity Lutheran church of Somerset, Pa., in September, 1877. He served charges respectively at Jenners, Somerset Co., Pa.; Friends Cove, Bedford Co., Pa.; Accident, Garrett Co., Md.; Glasgow, Cambria Co., Pa.; Salona, Clinton Co., Pa.; Williamsburg, Blair Co., Pa., from which place he was called to Beaver Springs' pastorate, Snyder Co., Pa. He was married to Sarah Boucher, daughter of John and Joanna Boucher, of New Lexington, Somerset Co., on the 18th of September, 1874. To this union were born seven children. The oldest, a daughter, Nona B., after a course in the Central State Normal at Lock Haven, entered the Medico Chirurgical hospital at Philadelphia as a nurse, from which institution, after a three years' course, she graduated as a trained nurse in 1899. She was then offered the superintendency of the Nurses' Training School at New Brighton, Beaver county, Pa., which she accepted and held till the fall of 1903, when she resigned to assume the responsibilities of married life. She now resides at Chicago, Ill. The second child, William Newton by name, is also a graduate of the Central State Normal School at Lock Haven. After teaching for several years he entered the signal department of the P. R. R. He is now supervisor of signals of the West Jersey and Seashore division of the P. R. R., and resides at Camden, N. J. Edson Garfield, a third child, is an employee of the Williamsburg paper mill and lives at Williamsburg. Dorsey Elmer, the fourth child, and Homer Vernon, the fifth, are both in the signal department of the P. R. R. and are stationed at Altoona, Pa. Susan M. and Wellington, the two youngest, are still at home with their parents.

History of the Sunday Schools.

By W. J. KLOSE, Esq.

The first Sabbath school of the town was organized about the year 1845 and, according to the recollection of Uncle L. R. Haines, had no regularly elected superintendent, but was lead in turns (alternately) by Joseph Long, Reuben Keller, Henry Smith and others. At that time the International lessons were not in vogue, the Bible spellers and primers were used. Those who were able to read well used the Bible, the younger people the speller and the smaller ones the primer. As an inducement and encouragement for the children to attend, tickets (red and blue) containing a verse or passage of Scripture, were given each one after recitation. One blue ticket was given for every Sunday's attendance and also for committing a verse of Scripture, and for three blue tickets they were entitled in exchange to one red one. The red tickets were counted at one cent in value and could be exchanged for Sunday school cards, library books or Bibles, in number corresponding to the value of the books.

As far as can be remembered Ephraim Hackman and Joseph Long were about the first regularly elected superintendents, about the years 1851 or 1852. This was a union school for the Lutheran and Reformed denominations and met in the old school house and afterwards held their sessions in the church. From that time forward many held the office of

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superintendent until the division of the church, then each denomination organized a Sabbath school. The Sabbath schools of town were prosperous from away back, from the organization of the first school to the present day, doing much good work for the Lord and are today in a flourishing condition.

PRESENT OFFICERS.

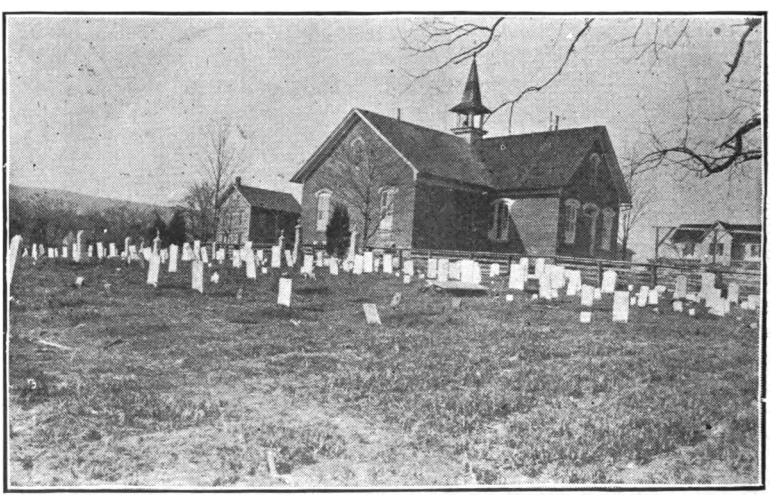
REFORMED—James C. Schambach, superintendent; J. B. Spangler, assistant; D. F. Spaid, secretary; Hattie Wetzel, assistant; Jennie Bilger, treasurer; Lizzie Schambach, librarian; Annie Wetzel, assistant; Margaret Schambach, organist.

LUTHERAN—Clymer Romig, superintendent; Hurley Romig, assistant; John Bowersox, secretary; Raymond Wagner, assistant; Reuben Dreese, treasurer; Frank Benfer, librarian; Annie Felker, assistant; Mrs. J. A. Wagner, organist.

The Cemeteries of the Town.

By W. J. KLOSE, Esq.

The first cemetery in this section was located one-half mile northeast of town on what is now part of one of Reuben Dreese's farms and is a beautiful spot, being an elevated piece of ground and very suitable for a cemetery and should have remained there. The cemetery was in exist-



THE OLD CEMETERY.

ence before the town was laid out. It has long since gone into disuse as a cemetery, has been shamefully desecrated, the head stones have all been destroyed, plowed under or used for making ditches. (This was told by one who helped to do it.) The ground is now farmed with other lands adjoining and nothing is left to tell or show that it has ever been a cemetery.

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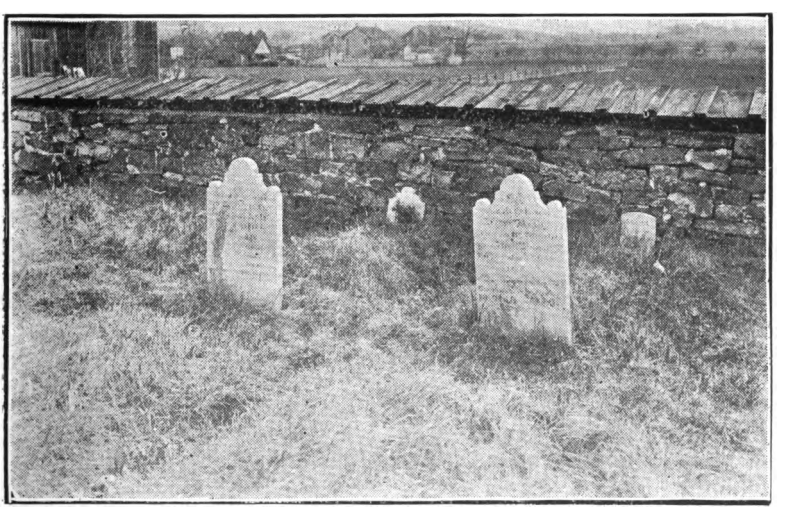
The secoond or new, now called the old cemetery was laid out about the year 1810 or 1811. This is established from the fact that the first grave (as near as can be learned) in the cemetery is that of John

THE NEW CEMETERY.

Jacob Aigler, who was born May 30, 1752, died Aug. 11, 1811. Christina Aigler, wife of John Jacob Aigler, was born Nov. 24, 1758, died March 27,1817. These old pioneers lie side by side by the cemetery wall on Market street. Many claim these were the first two graves in the cemetery but this is not correct, which is clearly shown by the fact that there was a period of six years between their deaths and a number of graves mark the same row until you meet or come to a headstone upon which appears the following epitaph: (This is given ver batim et literatim) "Here lies the body of Maria Snook, which was John Snook's wife. January, the 26th day, 1778, she was born. She brot to this world 6 sons and 4



GRAVES OF ADAM RAGER AND WIFE, IN THE OLD CEMETERY.

daters. Died Aug. —, 1814." The headstone was broken so could not get date of death. The death and burial took place about three years before that of Mrs. Aigler, and with the number of graves between them,

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disproves the theory that Mrs Aigler was buried in the cemetery second or next to that of her husband. This cemetery is located on lots No. 25, 26 and 27 on the plot of the town on East Market street and ground space all taken up about eight years ago, when ground for a new cemetery was bought from Reuben Dreese and is located about one-fourth mile south of the old cemetery.

The Beaver Springs Electric Light Company.

This company was organized October 20, 1904, and a charter issued by the State department, at Harrisburg, Penna., October 27, 1904. The officers of the company are A. M. Aurand, Pres., J. M. Baker, Sec'y., and Anis Gross, Treas., the same being also the stockholders and own all the stock. During the summer of 1905 the company erected a fine slate roof, metal cornice, two story, granolithic building, centrally located, 36 feet by 52 feet. Half of the first floor is used by the company for a store room, dynamo and power room, and the balance of the building is at present used by the Eidon Handle Company.

The power for the lights is furnished by a 24 inch special Pelton Water Motor, run by water from the mains of the Beaver Springs Water Company. The electric system is direct current 110 volts. The principal streets, business houses and many private residences are lighted up by current from this plant. The operating expense of this plant is very light, very little attention is necessary, aside from starting and stopping same, it being automatically controlled by a mechanical governor, giving constant, uniform and regular speed, under varying loads. Lights were first turned on November 6, 1905, and have been constantly running without a hitch, save an exception of several nights.

The Beaver Springs Water Company.

This company was organized August 16, 1904, by Anis Gross, Pres., J. M. Baker, Sec'y., and A. M. Aurand, Treas. A Pennsylvania charter was issued September 9, 1904; immediately upon the issuing of the charter, work on the plant was begun, rights of way, and water rights were obtained and on October 5th the first ground was broken for the laying of the pipes, and on December 22, 1904, the system was completed according to plans and specifications as drawn and designed by J. M. Baker, the company's engineer. One and one-fourth miles of 10 inch mains, one mile of 8 inch, one-half mile of 6 inch, and one mile of 4 inch pipes with the necessary intake pipes of 16 and 12 inches, and gates and fire hydrants, constitutes the pipeline.

The reservoir of this company is located on the Planing Mill, formerly Gross' Run, at the approach of the mountain slope in Beaver township. The average flow of water discharged by this stream, is 200 cubic feet per minute. The breast of the intake dam is 3 feet high and 14 feet wide, with a back water, with intake to the reservoir, with a capacity of 40,000 gallons. The static pressure of the water on the mains at the power house of the Beaver Springs Electric Light Company, is 71 pounds. While the reservoir is comparatively small it is amply large to insure at all times sufficient water, since the stream at lowest water furnishes all the water that the mains can carry off. Therefore no unnecessary storing of water to become stale and impure.

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Business Institutions of Beaver Springs

Views and Sketches of Business Houses and Those Who Control Them.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

The First National Bank of Beaver Springs began business May 6,1901,being established by nine of the most prominent business men. They were Jas. M. Mattern,A. A. Ulsh, Dr. A.M. Smith, J.H. Dreese, Tilman Weader, P. S. Bobb, Wm. H. Dreese, C. O. Greenhoe and K. C. Walter. The capital of the bank is $25,000, its surplus and undivided profits, all earned, aggregate $24,250 and its deposits $155,968. The earning strength of this bank, its surplus and undivided profits, $24,250, has not been equaled by any other bank of its size in the state of Pennsylvania during the same time it has now been in business. The First National Bank of Beaver Springs is a remarkably well managed institution. On much of the literafure issued by the bank is to be found the legend, "The bank that takes care of its customers." In this brief sentence lies the keynote of the success that has come to this bank. This policy was established and this motto adopted by the board of directors, to whose excellent judgment, executive ability and pleasant manner in dealing with all their customers, must be given credit for much of the success of the institution. President A. A. Ulsh is one of our most active and valued business men. P. S. Bobb is the vice-president, a retired farmer of Beavertown, always bringing in new business. C. O. Greenhoe, secretary of the board, in his pleasant manner is always ready to do all he can. K. C. Walter, cashier, and J. F. Snook, assistant cashier, are both gentlemen of pleasing presence and acknowledged ability and too much praise cannot be awarded them because of the good work they have done for this bank. The directors are: J. H. Dreese, lumber and stave operator; Wm. H. Dreese, retired capitalist; Tilman Weader,lumber dealer; A. A. Ulsh, president, capitalist; P. S. Bobb, vice president, retired farmer and capitalist; C. O. Greenhoe, secretary, extensive dealer in nail keg staves; K. C. Walter, cashier.

Officers and Directors.

K. C. WALTER.

K. C. Walter, cashier of the First National Bank of Beaver Springs, son of Joseph Walter, of Snyder county, was one of the organizers and is a director of said bank. He has been with the bank since it opened its doors for business, beginning as cashier. He was reared on a farm near Middleburg, Snyder Co., born Jan. 20, 1860, married to Lizzie M. Bobb, Dec. 31, 1889. By the very careful management of his parents he attended school regularly and at the age of fifteen

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became a student of the Normal school, Selinsgrove, while under the excellent and executive ability of Prof. Noetling he was chosen as teacher for the public schools of Snyder county at the age of sixteen, at which work he remained for nine years. Mr. Walter next located in Altoona, where he was bookkeeper under James G. Mann in the machine shops; next embarking at Brodhead, Wis., where he was in the mercantile business with his uncle, E. P. Hassinger, for five years, then locating near the old homestead, Middleburg, becoming an active partner of John Runkle in the general merchandise business under the firm name of Runkle & Walter, working together successfully for eleven years. K. C. Walter having for some time past given some of his attention to banking, now entered the First National Bank of Selinsgrove as bookkeeper

K. C. WALTER, Cashier.

where he remained until the organization of the bank at Beaver Springs going from that bank directly to the First National Bank of Beaver Springs where he has remained ever since as cashier. Mr. Walter's great-great-grandfather was the original Jacob Walter of Germany who set sail for this country Sept. 15, 1749, on the ship "Phoenix," John Mason, master. He was reared among the vine clad mountains of the kingdom of Wurtemburg, Germany, surrounded by the picturesque scenery of the beautiful Rhine. Jacob Walter was born Jan. 15, 1729. Learning that in America were millions of acres to be cultivated and a free passage to all families who would go there was offered, Jacob soon secured his passports and with his brother and a few possessions left the scenes of childhood and set sail on ocean's waves and after a two months' voyage landed at Philadelphia homeless, friendless, penniless and as grief stricken mourners far out in a foreign land. Leaving the noisy city behind them they pushed forward to the fertile acres of Lancaster county. Settling here for a time they soon heard that richer fortunes laid to the northward and accordingly left Lancaster and plunged deep and deeper still into the gloomy wilderness until the peaceful shades of a tall white oak tree standing on the property formerly owned by Isaac Swarm, a short distance east of Kissimee, Snyder Co., was reached. On the 24th day of July, 1757, the happiest day of his life, Jacob Walter and Maria Kauffman were made one in wedded bliss. Ten sons and two daughters blessed this union. On one of his visits to Reading he resolved to commemorate his return by the presentation of a large Bible purchased at $10 apiece to each of his ten sons so that through the absence of schools they might be taught the habit of well directed reading. The character of Jacob Walter was that of an honest Christian gentleman. He died on the 23rd day of January, 1803, was laid to rest in Hassinger's cemetery and at the head of that tomb was raised the first marble tablet in the cemetery, and at the foot was planted an apple tree; its spreading branches are still in existence. Joseph H. Walter, son of Jacob, the original, married a Miss Kern; resided on a farm now owned by John H. Walter, Snyder county, Pa. Dietrich Walter, son of Joseph H., had the following children: Aaron, in Ohio, deceased; Joseph, in Snyder Co., deceased; John W.; Elizabeth, deceased; Edward, deceased, and Amanda, married to John Stahlnecker, Middleburg, Pa. Joseph Walter, son of Dietrich, had the following children: K. C., Beaver Springs; Frank F., Middleburg; Reno H., Cleveland, O.; Laura R., deceased; Alice, married to I. L. Walter, Middleburg, and Maggie E., married to Rev. Rearick, Centre Hall, Pa. K. C. Walter, son of Joseph, is married to Lizzie M. Bobb, and this union is blessed with one son, Ray B. Walter.

J. F. SNOOK.

J. F. Snook was born Jan. 7, 1874, in Spring township, then a portion of West Beaver. He was reared on the farm and by the wise management of his parents, Emanuel G. and Sophia Snook, he attended school regularly and later attended Normal school at Selinsgrove and Freeburg and prepared for the profession of teaching. He taught school eight terms; the last two terms, 1901 to 1903, he taught the Grammar grade in the town of McClure, Pa. On the 28th day of September, 1899, he was married to Emma J. Kline, daughter of Joseph and Catherine Kline, of McClure. They have one daughter, Mertie May, born Jan. 4, 1901. In April, 1901, he moved to McClure, where he resided until September, 1903, when he moved to Beaver Springs, Pa., and accepted a position with the First National

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Bank. Since that time he has been employed by this institution and now holds the office of assistant cashier. His ancestors on his father's side were of German descent, which we trace from his great-grandfather, John Snook, who emi-

J. F. SNOUK, Assistant Cashier.

grated from Lehigh county and became one of the first settlers of Ragertown, as this place was originally named. This John Snook was born Jan. 2, 1770; died Oct. 26, 1864, at the age of nearly 95 years; he lies buried in the old cemetery in this town. A sketch and portrait of his grandfather appears elsewhere in this book. We will trace the ancestry on his mother's side back to his great-great-great-grandfather, Joseph Hassinger, who was of German descent and emigrated from one of the eastern counties and took up a thousand acres of land two miles northeast of Beavertown some years before the Revolution. His great-great-grandfather, son of Joseph, named Daniel, erected the first grist mill at the above named place, commonly known as Hassinger's mill, and pursued this occupation until his death in about 1825. His great-grandfather, a son of the second named, was named Daniel, likewise, and was born in 1791; he also followed the milling occupation at the same place until his death at the age of 88 years. His grandfather, Joseph, a son of the last named, was born March 2, 1815. Joseph's father erected another mill, this one on Swift Run, two miles south of Troxelville, and 2½ miles north of Beaver Springs. Joseph married Sophia Klose, January 11, 1835, and was given charge of the last named mill, which he operated successfully for over half a century. He died at this place June 22, 1897. His mother, Sophia, daughter of Joseph Hassinger, was born Dec. 19, 1851, and is married to Emanuel G. Snook, and has six children, of which the one who heads this sketch is the oldest. Politically this long chain of ancestry has without exception on both sides adhered to the principles of the Republican party since its present organization.

ALVIN A. ULSH.

Alvin A. Ulsh was born Nov. 4, 1853, his parents being Andrew and Catherine Ulsh. He has always lived at and near Middlecreek, Snyder Co., Pa., having been in the mercantile business at that place for the last fifteen years, from which he retired on Feb. 1, 1906, his son, Charles A. P. Ulsh, succeeding him. Mr. Ulsh has been postmaster at Middlecreek for the same length of time, which position he still occupies. He was married to Amanda E. Rigel, a daughter of Peter and Matilda Rigel, said union being blessed with four children, as follows: Hattie Icie Dora, Sallie Gertie Matilda, Charles Andrew Peter, and John Alvin. Soon after he became of age he was elected assessor of West Beaver township; served one term as jury commissioner of Snyder county, and also was elected as a representative delegate of Snyder county to the Republican State convention which met at Harrisburg in the year when James G. Blaine

A A. ULSH, President.

was a candidate for the nomination for president of the United States, and by his vote endorsed his nomination as Snyder county's choice. When Spring township was formed he was appointed by the governor of the state as one of the Justices of the Peace which office he held for six-

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teen years. He is at present the president of the First National Bank of Beaver Springs, Pa. He has been a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church since his youth and takes an active part in all church work as well as Christian Endeavor and Sunday school work and has taught a class in the Sunday school since a young man. Mr. Ulsh followed the fire insurance business for ten years with success, taking the general agency of the Beavertown Mutual Fire Insurance Company when it was in its infancy and by hard and energetic work he fought the then low rates of the stock companies (as they at that time charged only about one-half the rate on farm property as they do now) and pushed the Beavertown Company up to over $1,700,000 insurance, having added over $500,000 new insurance the first year. This is a record that any man can well feel proud of.

WILLIAM H. DREESE.

Mr. Dreese was born Jan. 7th, 1835, and is a son of Jacob Dreese who died at the age of 88 years. He was born at Beaver Springs and lived here all his

W. H. DREESE, Director.

life except one year when he lived at Three Rivers, Mich., and one year at Kishacoquillas, Mifflin Co., his occupation being blacksmithing for a period of fifty-one years. He was married to Elizabeth Hetrich, who died Nov. 29, 1905. Four sons, namely, Irvin, Frank, Edward and Foster, the latter dying at the age of two years. Mr. Dreese never applied for office, but was elected school director for three years and director of the First National Bank since its organization. He donated one acre of land for the wagon factory, one of the leading industries in this city. He has been a member of the Lutheran church since he was fifteen years old and a charter member of of the Beavertown Mutual Fire Insurance Co., having been a director in said company for the past 24 years.

C. O. GREENHOE.

Mr. Greenhoe was born near Beaver Springs, at what is now known as Benfer's Mill, January

C. O. GREENHOE, Secretary and Director.

22, 1850. His parents were Jacob and Elizabeth Greenhoe. The subject of this sketch resided at this place until January 24, 1877, when he moved on the farm one mile north of Middlecreek, at which place he lived until March 22, 1883; he then moved to Troxelville and bought the store of Goss & Manbeck. He was in the mercantile business at Troxelville for eight years, and then moved to Beaver Springs, March 27, 1891, where he now lives. Mr. Greenhoe was a member of the council of the Evan. Lutheran church of Troxelville for a number of years, and also in the Beaver Springs congregation of the same denomination; served several terms as school director in Spring township; was the first president of the First National Bank of Beaver Springs and held the office until the bank was fully established on a sound basis, and is a director and secretary of same now. He is an extensive manufacturer of nail keg staves. On September 21, 1871, he was married to Caroline, daughter of Christian and Mary Gross, of Beaver township. No children have blessed this union.

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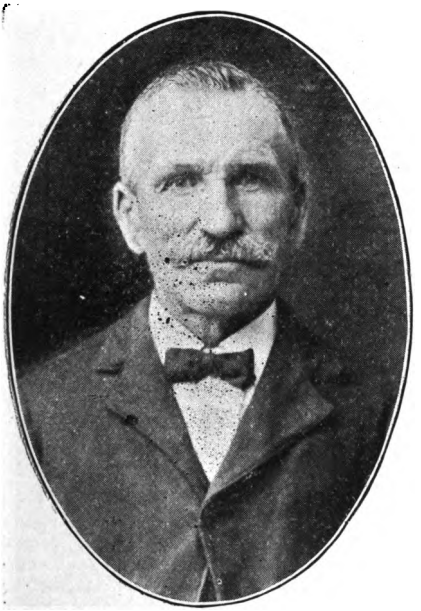
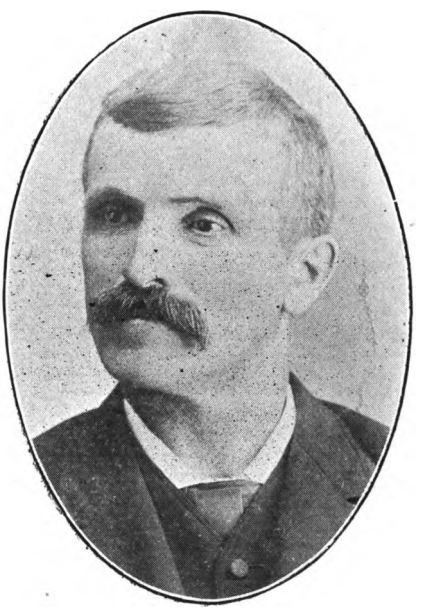


JOHN H. DREESE, Director.



P. S. BOBB, Director and Vice President.

TILMAN WEADER, Director.

Deaths.

May 1, 1901, Harry J. Dreese, aged 23 years, 11 months and 1 day.

Sept. 26, 1900, Willis Stumpff, aged 16 years, 5 months and 26 days.

Dec. 8, 1900, Sarah, wife of William H. Specht, aged 46 years, 8 months and 3 days.

Jan. 28, 1901, Elizabeth, wife of Franklin Koch, aged 69 years, 1 month and 3 days.

Mar. 6, 1901, Foster, son of Robert S. Smith and wife, aged 18 years, 6 months and 5 days.

Mar. 30, 1902, Catherine, widow of Simon Lepley, aged 87 years, 7 months and 22 days.

Oct. 29, 1902, Louisa, wife of L. R. Haines, aged 68 years, 7 months and 1 day.

Sept. 9, 1898, Anna, wife of James D. Dreese, aged 36 years, 10 months and 17 days.

Sept. 14, 1898, Warren E. Long, aged 22 years, 7 months and 26 days.

Oct. 7, 1898, Caroline, widow of Joel Gearhart, aged 61 years, 6 months and 11 days.

May 21, 1899, Roland, son of John A. and Effie M. Kearns, aged 6 months and 13 days.

Nov. 16, 1899, Sarah, wife of Anis Gross, aged 55 years, 9 months and 4 days.

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BUSINESS INSTITUTIONS OF BEAVER SPRINGS

JAMES B. SPANGLER.

Mr. Spangler is a son of Jonathan and Mary A. Spangler, and was born in Beaver Springs, Pa., January 15, 1870; resided here until March 4, 1891,

when he moved to McClure, Pa., and remained there until April 1, 1895, when he returned to Beaver Springs and continued in business here as a general merchant until Nov. 1, 1903; removed to 1072 Central avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and resided there until July 1, 1905, when he returned to Beaver Springs, his present abode. Mr. Spangler taught the Beaver Springs primary school in the winter of 1886-87; attended Central Penna. College, at New Berlin, Pa., in the summer of 1887. On August 29, 1887, he entered the mercantile business as clerk for Adam Smith and remained in his employ until Feb. 1, 1891. He then entered the mercantile business for himself at McClure, on March 4, 1891, and continued in same until April 1, 1895. On April 1, 1898, he bought the general store business of Klose Bros., in this place, and re-entered the mercantile business, at which place he continued until Oct. 1, 1903, when he sold out to R. F. Wagner and went to Cleveland, Ohio, and engaged in the grocery business at No. 65 Quincy street, and remained at that place two years. Selling his stock to Hacker & Co., he returned to Beaver Springs, where he is now engaged in the grocery, restaurant and ice cream business. Mr. Spangler was married to Alvilda M. Wagner, daughter of Harry and Caroline Wagner, on July 20, 1889. He is the father of four children, viz: Carrie, born Feb. 1, 1891; Jay, born March 12, 1893; Mary, born September 11, 1895; and Pearl, born July 4, 1900; all the children are living. The subject of this sketch was confirmed as a member of Christ Reformed church, April 13, 1884, by Rev. W. M. Landis. He was initiated in the order of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (Adamsburg Lodge Aug. 25, 1893, of which he is still an active member and a Past Grand, and was a representative to the meeting of the Grand Lodge at Scranton, Pa. He was elected a director of the public schools of Spring township in the Spring of 1891, and served as secretary of said board for two years. Mr. Spangler is the first vice president of the Centennial committee. He is also a leading member of the Beaver Springs Military Band, a member of the Christ Reformed church choir and has for years held the office of deacon in that church. He has also served for years as superintendent of the Sunday school in said church, and as an officer in the Christian Endeavor Society.

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BUSINESS INSTITUTIONS OF BEAVER SPRINGS

JOHN W. BOWERSOX.

Mr. Bowersox was born at Beavertown, Snyder county, Pa., March 18, 1882; attended the public schools of that place and clerked in his

father's store until 18 years of age, when he accepted a position in the grocery store of I. J. Middagh, at Paterson, Pa., remaining there for five months; he then returned to his father's store at Beavertown and worked during the summer of 1900. In the fall of that year he entered Susquehanna University and graduated from the preparatory department in June, 1902. He then accepted a position in the dry goods store of John M. Starr, at Lewistown, Pa., remaining there for nine months, then took a position with the Standard Steel Works, playing third base on the Burnham base ball team during the season of 1904; he worked at the steel works for two years and from there came to this place and engaged in the general merchandise business, succeeding Wagner & Ritter. He carries a well assorted stock of first-class goods of everything pertaining to his line. He is a popular young business man and has been successful from the very start. Mr. Bowersox's parents are A. H. and Ada Bowersox. He was married May 20, 1903, to Miss Tillie M., daughter of J. F. Herbster and wife, of Beavertown. Two children, Clarence Allen, aged three years, and Ernest Herbster, four months old, are a result of this union. Mr. Bowersox is a member of the St. Peter's Lutheran church, of this place, and is secretary of the school and president of the C. E. society of the same church for the past two terms. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. of this place, Jr. O. U. A. M. of Lewistown, and Sons of Veterans of Beavertown.

Marriages.

Jan. 3, 1867, by Rev. Shindel, William Ewing, of Perry Co., to Elmira Middleswarth, of Musser's Valley, Snyder Co.

May 2, 1867, by Rev. Shindel, Paul H. Knepp to Catherine Smith, both of West Beaver.

THE GENERAL STORE OF J. W. BOWERSOX.

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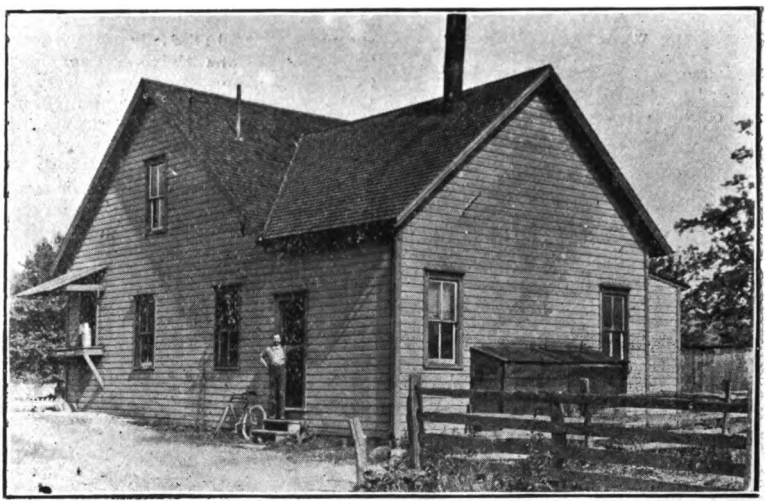
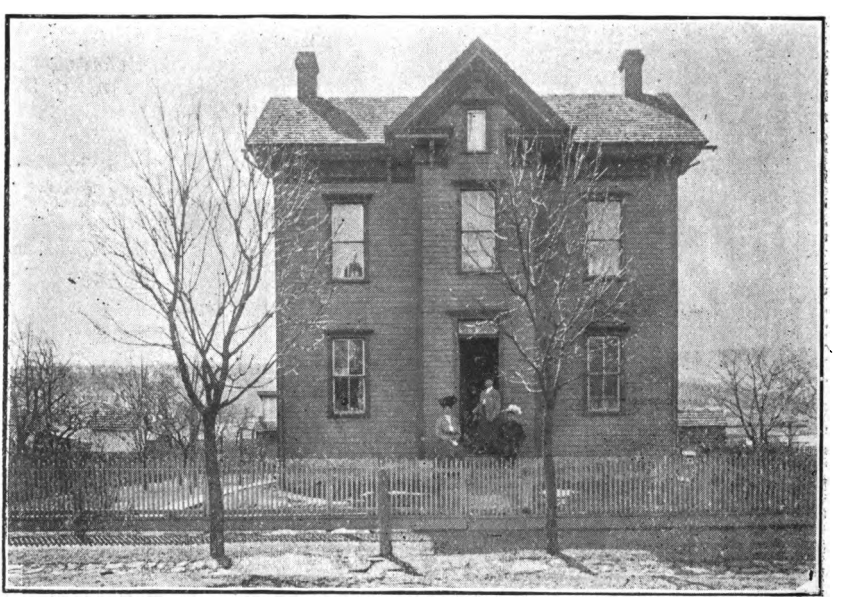


THE BEAVER SPRINGS CREAMERY.

This establishment was built in 1894, and was incorporated under the laws of this State. In 1895, J. B. Kurtz, of Reading, purchased the creamery and at once put it into operation, successfully continuing the business ever since. It turns out over four tons of butter some months and is a great benefit to this community, especially to the farmers, as they could not get more than half the price for their butter that they now realize. D. F. Spaid has been employed at the creamery since December, 1898, and since 1900 has had entire charge of the place, his services giving entire satisfaction to both employer and patrons.



Residence of D. F. SPAID, Manager of the Beaver Springs Creamery.

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The Middlecreek Valley Railroad.

Afterwards Changed to the Sunbury and Lewistown Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

By W. J. KLOSE, Esq.

About the year 1866, the railroad question was greatly agitated, and the people all along the line of this present railroad, were greatly excited over the prospects of having a railroad. Petitions were circulated soliciting stock, and there was scarcely any one who had a little loose money that did not invest in railroad certificates. Thousands of dollars were subscribed for the building of the road, and great returns were expected upon the promise of the glowing picture painted by those who solicited the stock. The work of grading began in the summer of 1867, and was

THE FIRST DIVISION WORKMEN ON THE SUNBURY AND LEWISTOWN RAILROAD.

(From a photograph taken by Ephraim Romig in 1871 at a point a short distance west of the present HERALD building. The names of the workmen are as follows, commencing at the left: 1, Daniel Carichner; 2, Thomas Bier (Englishman); 3, unknown; 4, Tom Collins (a half-breed Indian; 5, Harry Frybarger, division foreman; 6, Lewis Dolby; 7, John Rearer; 8, Charles Randall, (Englishman); 9, James Raudenbush (on horseback).

ready for laying of the track by the Spring of 1871. The track was laid from Lewistown eastward as far as Adamsburg, by the 10th day of September, 1871, and great excitement prevailed, people from near and far gathered to see the first train, consisting of a locomotive, one passenger coach and six trucks enter the town on that day. John Ross was the engineer. By October 30, 1871, the rails were laid to Selinsgrove, and on November 1st, the first train was run from Lewistown to Selinsgrove. The first car load of wheat was shipped from Adamsburg, on November 10th, 1871, by Henry Houser. On November 20th two passenger trains were run from Lewistown to Selinsgrove, one left Lewistown in the morn-

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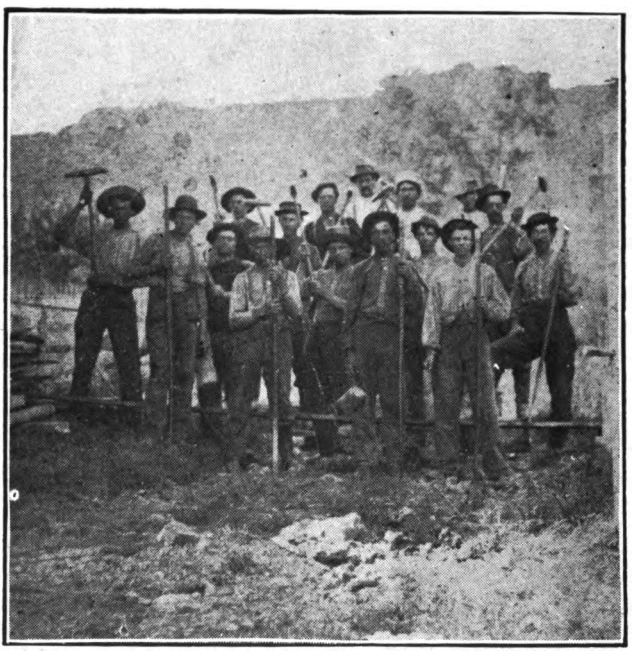
ing, running to Selinsgrove and returning in the evening, the other leaving Selinsgrove in the morning and returning in the evening. The first car load of stove coal, shipped from the mine to Adamsburg, arrived on November 25th, 1871. On December 1st the first passenger train run through to Sunbury. The telegraph poles and wires were put up as far



GRADING THE SUNBURY AND LEWISTOWN RAILROAD.

(From a photograph taken by Ephraim Romig in 1871 at a point a short distance west of the present HERALD building. The man at the extreme left with the spike hammer is Milton E. Smith; the one at the extreme right with a crow-bar is William J. Klose and the man behind him with a spike hammer, is Irvin Kinney.)

as Adamsburg, by the 20th day of January, 1872, and mail was first carried by train on this rail road, January 23, 1872.

Everybody was enjoying the use and benefit of the railroad until Dec. 31,1874, when the company shut up shop, removed all rolling stock, and suspended operations. The company found they had an elephant on their hands, the road was condemned and sold by the sheriff, and the stock holders' certificates were not worth the paper they were printed on, however they make a handsome railroad souvenir. After the road had passed into the hands of new managers, preparations were made to resume operations; accordingly on May 3, 1876, a repair train was sent over the road to make all necessary repairs. On the 4th an inspection train was sent over the road, and from that time on, the work of repairing the road was kept up, and on the 24th day of July, 1876, regular traffic was resumed, and all trains regularly run on schedule time. The first station of the town, the private property of Henry Houser, was lo-

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cated where the warehouse of F. W. Gundrum now stands. This was used for a few years, then the company built a new station at the crossing near A. M. Aurand's printing office, where it remained until about six years ago, when it was removed to its present site.

The railroad bridge (or several spans) across the Susquehanna, at Selinsgrove was burned on February 17, 1877, but was rebuilt immedi-

ately, and traffic to Sunbury resumed, April 14, 1877.

The following have been Telegraph Operators and Station Agents at this place: ——— Jacobs, D. B. Wetzel, Frank Fisher, J. E. Forrester, J. D. Hamilton, G. B. M. Arnold, S. P. Warner, Hurley Romig, O. C. Bowersox, and Chauncey Wetzel. The last named is the first night operator at this office. This road is doing a flourishing business, and is one of the best paying branch roads in the state.

THE "BIG SPRING"

Located on the property of L. R. Haines. There are about seventy-five springs of pure water in the town of Beaver Springs and Township of Spring.

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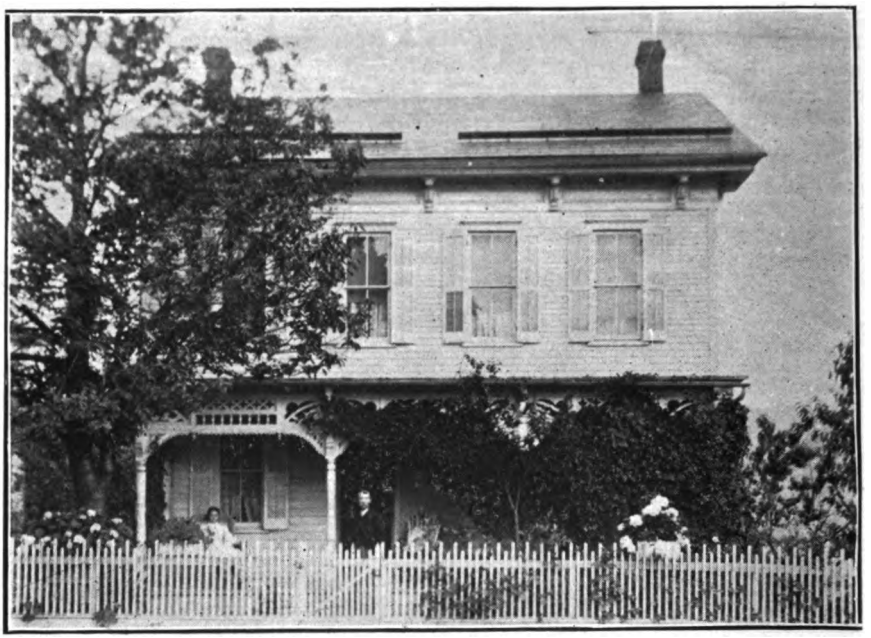

Residence of William J. Klose, Esq.

Residence of M. W. S. Benfer, Merchant Miller.

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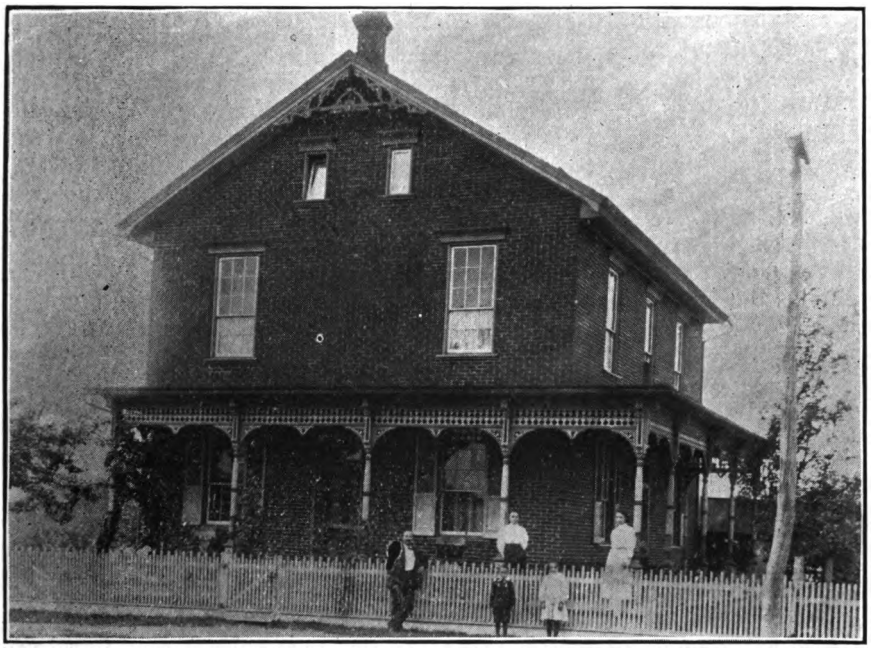
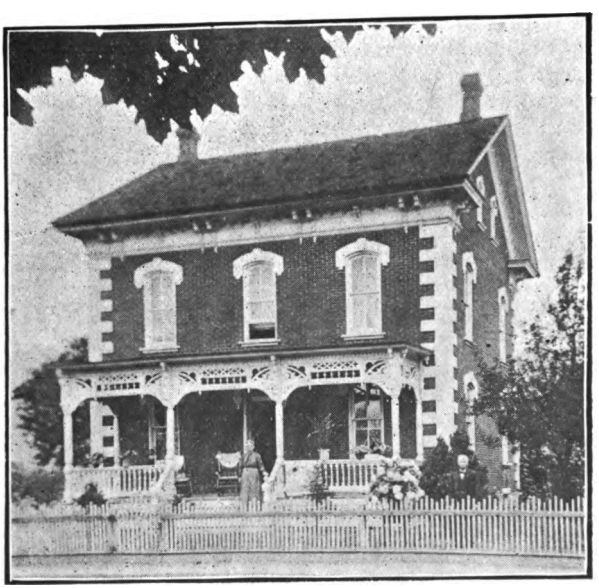
RESIDENCES OF BEAVER SPRINGS



Residence and Family of of J. W. Snook.



Residence of William Helfrich, Peola, (Suburb of Beaver Springs.)

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Secret Societies of the Town.

Maj. William H. Byers Post No. 612 Grand Army of the Republic.

Major William H. Byers Post, No. 384, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., was named in honor of comrade William H. Byers, a member of company I, Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers, who, at the organization of the company, was chosen First Lieutenant, in February, 1864. The Post was mustered by comrade Joseph A. Lumbard, of Captain C. S. Davis Post, assisted by comrade Benner, of Lieutenant Benjamin Benfert Post, October 12, 1883, with the following-named charter members: Dr. A. M. Smith, Samuel Werner, William J. Klose, Henry H. Laub, Sr., James F. Keller, L. R. Haines, Samuel J. Gundrum, Isaac Getz, William H. Ewing, Joseph Schreffler, Philip Zong, L. J. Manbeck, Lewis Rauch, Daniel Reigle and David Brown.

The following-named comrades were installed as officers of the post: Samuel Werner, P. C.; W. J. Klose, S. V. C.; Henry H. Laub, Sr., J. V. C.; James F. Keller, Adjt.; Samuel J. Gundrum, Q. M.; Isaac Getz, Surg.; L. R. Haines, Chap.; A. M. Smith, O. D.; William H. Ewing, O. G.; Philip Zong, Q. M. S.; Joseph Schreffler, Sergt. Maj.

Maj. Wm. H. Byers Post of Beaver Springs has existed since its organization in 1883, with an interval of a year, or a year and a half, during which short period it had disbanded, only for reorganization on a stronger basis, and is now one of the most flourishing Posts in the county. In disbanding, the Post lost its original number, 384, and upon reorganization received its present number, 612.

During its existence the following comrades and Post members have gone to that great beyond, and camped on that eternal camping ground from whence no traveler returns, there to await the coming of the remaining few: Jacob Martin, Philip J. Manbeck, Jerry C. Hackenberry, Amos L. Hackenberry, Levi Swanger, Moses Middleswarth, P. Louis Manbeck, Reuben Klose, Isaac Wetzel, Sam'l Brininger, Jacob Nerhood, Sam'l J. Gundrum, Isaac Getz, Henry Getz, John Gilbert, Joseph Shannon, Ephraim Howell, Edward Beaver, James Aurand, Benjamin Hoffman, Reuben Zechman, David Brown, Simon Sipe, Israel Moyer, Wm. H. Herbster.

The following are members of the Post in good standing at this date, July 28, 1906: A. M. Smith, Co. I, 49th Regt. P. V.; W. J. Klose, Co. F, 184th Regt. P. V.; H. H. Laub, Co. H, 49th Regt. P. V.; James F. Keller, Co. D, 74th Regt. P. V.; S. A. Wetzel, Co. I, 184th Regt. P. V.; Jos. Middleswarth, Co. D, 74th Regt. P. V.; Edward Freed, Co. D, 74th Regt. P. V.; Jacob Wetzel, Co. D, 74th Regt. P. V.; Wm. H. Coleman, Co. A, 9th Regt. Pa. Cav.; S. D. Specht, Co. F., 148th Regt. Pa. Cav.; Robert Hassinger, Co. G., 172d Regt. P. D. M.; Paul H. Knepp, Co. F, 131st Regt. P. V., and Co. I, 184th Regt. P. V.; W. H. Ewing, Co. D, 47th Regt P. V.; T. E. Reitz, Co. F., 210th Regt. P. V.; S. Bickel, Co. H, 49th Regt. P. V.; Geo. Bilger, Co. I, 184th Regt. P. V., and Co. G, 172d Regt. D. M.; Samuel Werner, Co. E, 1st Regt. Md. Cav.; D. G. Buck, Co. M, 3d Regt. P. H. A.; Isaac Dunn; L. R. Haines, Co. I, 184th Regiment P. V.; Lewis Rauch, Co. I, 184th Regt. P. V.

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PRESENT OFFICERS OF THE POST.

Dr. A. M. Smith, Commander; George Bilger, Senior Vice Commander; Samuel Bickel, Junior Vice Commander; Wm. J. Klose, Adjutant; Henry H. Laub, Qr. Master; D. S. Specht, Surgeon; L.R.Haines, Chaplain; Paul H. Knepp, Officer of the Day; Geo. A. Kline, Officer of the Guard; Lewis H. Rauch, Sergt . Major; Wm. H. Ewing, Qr. Master Sergeant.

May the remaining few members of the Post be vigilant so as to be ready when taps are sounded.

"When the years of earth are over and the cares of earth are done,
When the reign of Time is ended, and Eternity begun,
When the thunders of omnisicience on our wakened senses roll;
When, among the lofty mountains and across the mighty sea,
The sublime celestial bugler shall ring out the reveille,
Then shall march with brightest laurels, and with proud, victorious tread,
To their station up in heaven, our Grand Army of the Dead."

Adamsburg Lodge No. 566, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

This Lodge was instituted March 30, 1892, at Beaver Springs, Pa., by H. J. Deobler, of Selinsgrove, District Deputy Grand Master of Snyder county, with the following

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Adam Smith, James H. Long, A. M. Aurand, J. A. Laub, William B. Woodling, J. I. Bingaman, H. I. Romig, Samuel Werner, Albright Dreese, Ammon M. Smith, S. S. Sigler, P. E. Hackenburg, J. H. Lloyd, C. H. Getz, C. E. Lloyd, A. M. Smith, M. D., Robert S. Smith, Lewis Rauch.

The Lodge increased in membership from year to year, and is the mother of McClure Lodge No. 770, I. O. O. F., which is also a thriving organization. Following is a list of

MEMBERS AND THOSE WHO ARE PAST GRANDS:

Aurand, A.M., P.G.; Aurand, A.W.; Bateman, Moses; Beaver, Henry; Bickhart, J. Herman; Bingaman, J. I., P. G.; Bingaman, W. W., P. G.; Bowersox, J.W.; Crouse, Bruce H.; Dreese, James, P.G.; Ewing, Charles; Felker, Isaac M., P. G.; Felker, Reuben, P.G.; Fuhrman, Lester A.; Gift, Ralph E.; Goss, Adam; Goss, James A.; Graybill, Hoyt C.; Gross, V. J.; Hackenburg, P. E., P. G.; Hartman, Milton A.; Hammond, Geo. W.; Hartman, L. S.; Harley, Wm. E.; Helfrich, Charles; Holtzapple, Fred, P. G.; Hommel, James A.; Howell, Wm. F.; Kerr, G. C.; Kaltriter, Chas. A.; Kern, Frank N.; Keller, Chas. E., P. G.; Kempfer, Jacob F.; Klingler, John O.; Knepp, Edward; Lantz, G. D.; Lepley, Henry J.; Lloyd, Charles E.; Lloyd, John H., P. G.; Long, Charles C.; Long, James H., P. G.; McElrath, John D.; Markley, Daniel B., P. G.; Mitchell, H. J., P. G.; Nerhood, Levi W.; Rauch, Lewis, P. G.; Reitz, D. B.; Riegel, W. H.; Rigel, P. F.; Ritter, Henry F.; Romig, H. I., P. G.; Sheary, S. F., P. G.; Sigler, Geo. R.; Smith, Adam, P. G.; Smith, A. M., P. G.; Smith, Ammon; Smith, Charles G.; Smith, H.O., P. G.; Smith, M. W.; Snook, J. F.; Spahn, H.H., P.G.; Spangler, J. B., P.G.; Stetler, A. L.; Stetler, Calvin; Stumpff, Chas.; Swanger, Geo. W.;

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Thomas, Wm. H., P. G.; Wagner, Robt. F.; Walter, Daniel; Werner, Samuel, P. G.; Winter, Isaac, P. G.; Yeager, Simon.

H. I. Romig, of Beaver Springs, has been elected District Deputy Grand Master of Snyder county for several terms, and the same office is at present filled by J. I. Bingaman, of this place.

The officers of the Lodge for the term are as follows: P. G., W. H. Riegel; N. G., Ammon Smith; V. G., P. F. Rigel; Secretary, H. J. Mitchell; Treas., J. F. Snook; R. S. N. G., H. I. Romig; L. S. N. G., W. W. Bingaman; W., G. D. Lantz; C., J. B. Spangler; R. S. S., J. D. Dreese; L. S. S., W. H. Thomas; Chap., H. O. Smith; O. G., D. B. Markley; I. G., I. M. Felker; R. S. V. G., A. M. Smith; L. S. V. G., A. M. Aurand. Trustees: J. B. Spangler, G. D. Lantz, A. M. Aurand. Rep. to G. L., I. M. Felker. Rep. to Orphans' Home, H. I. Romig.

Beaver Springs Flouring Mill, M. W. S. Benfer, Proprietor.

I never saw a stick of candy in my boyhood. About the time of the civil war I ate my first saucer of ice cream. It was made by my son-in-law to sell. Boys did not learn to chew or smoke until they were about eighteen years old. They had no money to buy with. Their wages belonged to their parents. Underclothing were practically unknown until about or near the time of the Civil war. Overcoats were seen occasionally on men; but boys and young men did not have them. A clock cost $50 and occupied a corner of the kitchen from the floor to the ceiling. They were not as plenty as now. Watches were scarce except among the wealthy, or persons who needed them, such as teachers and preachers.—Thomas W. Shipman.

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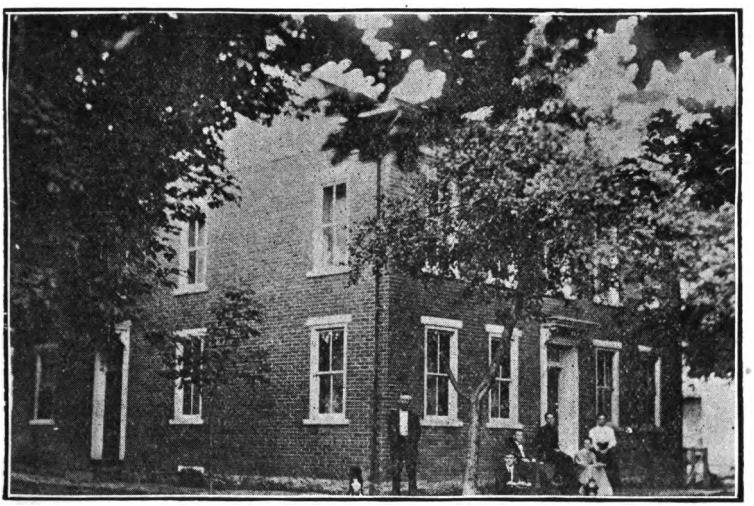

Residence of John D. Benfer.

Residence of Ira A. Kline.

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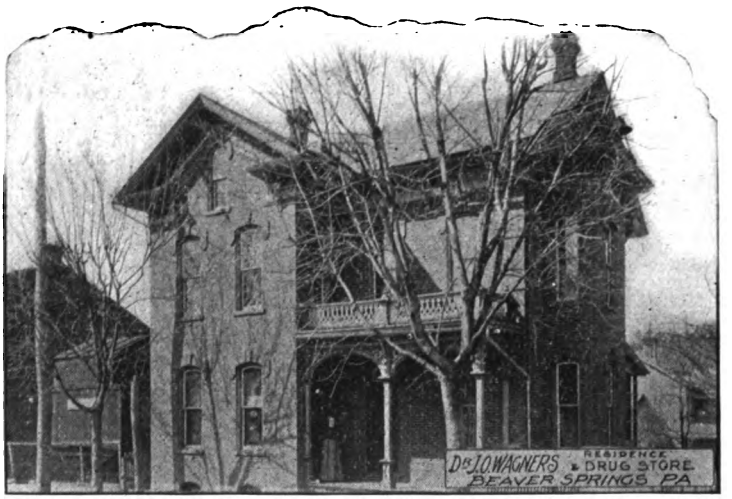

Residence and Drug Store of Dr. J. O. Wagner.

Residence of James D. Dreese.

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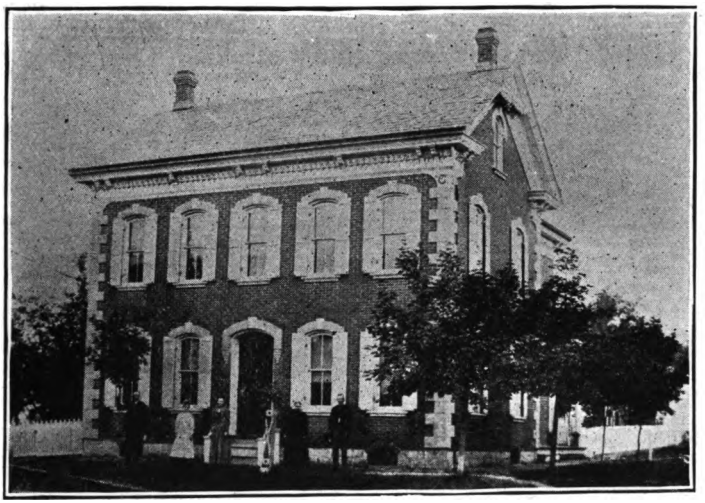

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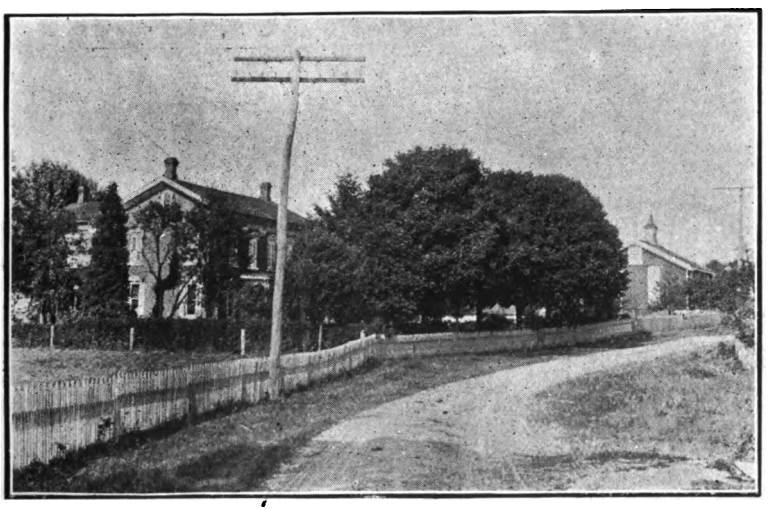

Residence of Robert Smith.

The Board of Trade.

In 1900 a Board of Trade was organzied with the following officers: Hon. A. M. Smith, M. D., President; W. J. Klose, 1st Vice President; F. P. Decker, 2d Vice President; A. M. Aurand, Rec. Secretary; J. D. Haines, Cor. Secretary; Reuben Dreese, Treasurer. Executive Committee: K. C. Walter, W. H. Dreese, J. B. Spangler, D. F. Spaid, P. H. Knepp, J. O. Klingler.

The following offer was publicly made: "Free land sites and other inducements offered to industrial concerns locating at Beaver Springs, Pa."

Among the most advantageous results in response to this offer has been the erection of the wagon works and other business enterprises for the town.

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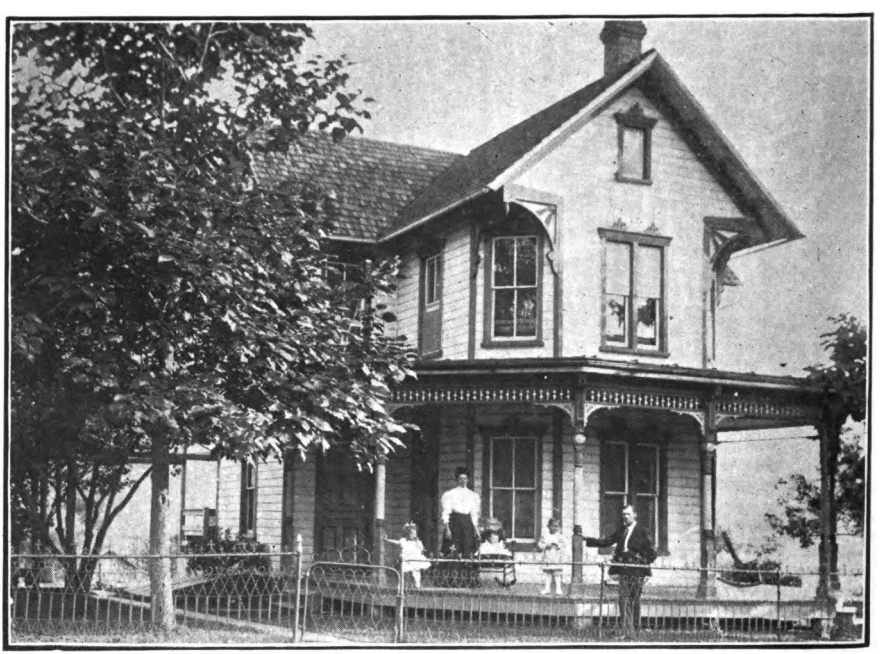
Residence of Hurley Romig, P. R. R. Station Agent.



Residence and Family of W. E. Miller.

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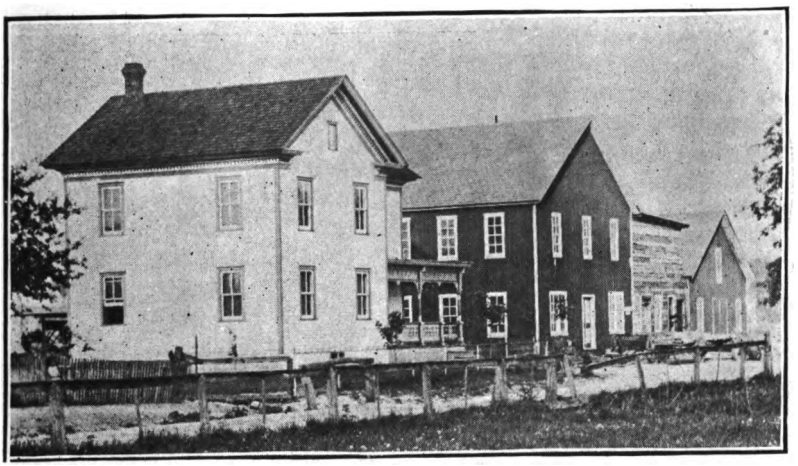
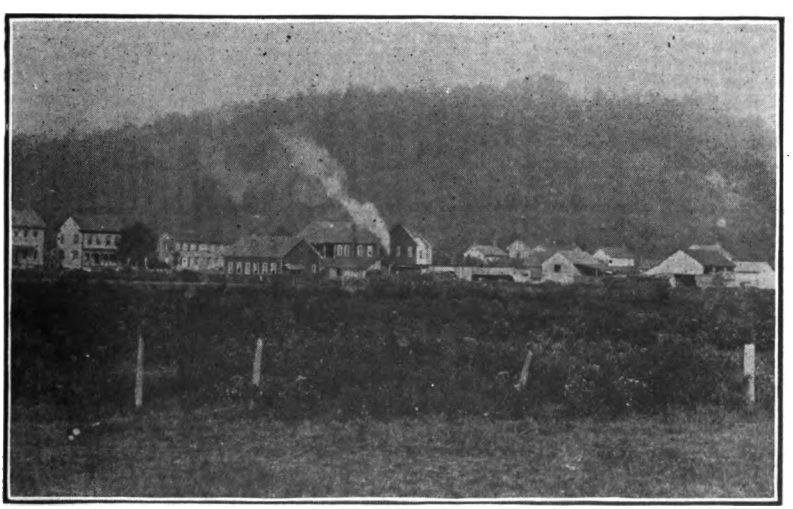


John O. Klingler's Residence and Wagon Factory.

The factory manufactures two and four-horse wagons and spring wagons, and employs twelve to twenty hands the year round. The factory was established in 1902.



Klingler's Wagon Works and a General View of Harrisonville, a Suburb of Beaver Springs.

Marriages.

May 10, 1891, by Rev. I. P. Neff, Chas. E. Keller and Rosa Alice Lash, both of Adamsburg.

Oct. 17, 1894, by James F. Keller, J. P., Franklin Gilbert of Beaver Springs, to Sadie B. Folk of Beavertown.

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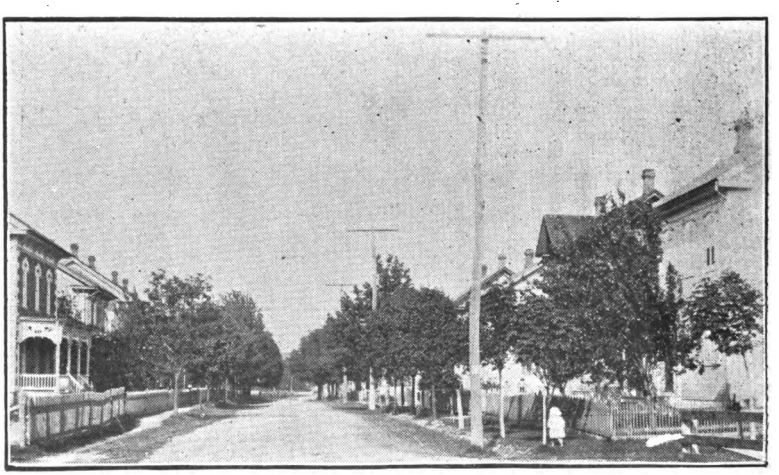
The HERALD building, 25x45 feet, two stories, was erected by A. M. Aurand, the present owner, in 1894, and in 1900 another two-story building, 20x40 feet, was erected at the rear of the above building. Here is done a printing and publishing business now averaging more than $25,000 per year, orders coming from all parts of the United States. The plant executes all kinds of high class job work, prints six newspapers and publishes many books yearly. More than 50,000 books and Bibles are shipped annually from this establishment, which has received over $150,000 in orders from a distance during the past ten years, a goodly portion of which amount has remained in town and gone into various improvements here. The plant is constantly taxed to its full capacity and the business will be greatly increased if the present owner keeps his health. In 1898 the proprietor erected the residence shown above.



Market Street, Peola, Looking East. (Suburb of Beaver Springs.)

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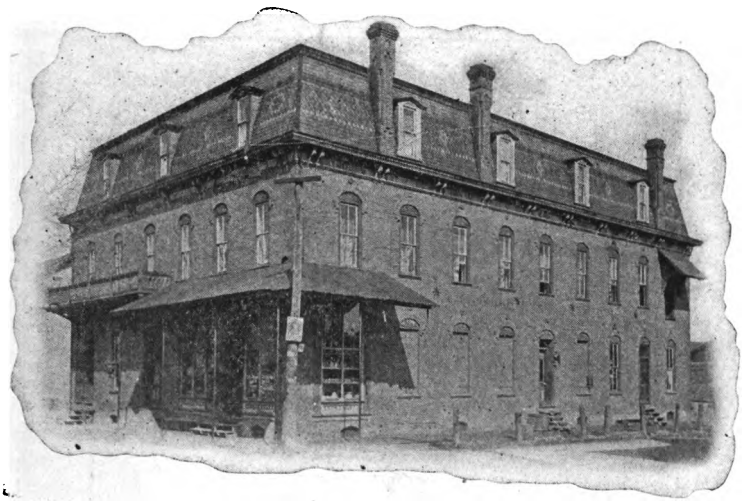
VIEWS OF BEAVER SPRINGS



Merchants' Hotel and General Store of H. M. Pontius.

Residence of Frank A. Benfer.

Barney Hufferd operated a pottery plant which was afterward turned into a tannery and operated as such by Banks Dreese, later by Dr. A. M. Smith and Reuben Fessler, later by Charles A. Schieren, of New York City. The buildings were torn away six or eight years ago and the land sold to A. M. Aurand, who erected several residences and business houses thereon and all vestige of a former industry, employing many men, has passed away.

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The Schambach Family.

The parents, John Schambach and wife, (seated.) The children standing, from left to right, are as follows: James, Elizabeth, Howard, Mary and Annie.

In the early part of the century a Paper Mill was operated on an extensive scale a short distance south of the farm buildings now owned by William H. Riegel. There was an extensive water power here at the time and it furnished power for several plants. This paper mill was operated by Jacob Keller, grandfather of James F. Keller, Esq., a present citizen of the town. The mill employed quite a number of hands. The paper was made from rags, as the process of making paper from wood and other materials was unknown at that time.

Marriages.

Sept. 28, 1890, by Rev. Landis, Charles A. Wagner and Sarah J. Laub, both of Adamsburg.

March 8, 1891, by Rev. Landis, Charles C. Gross and Annie C. Bilger, both of Adamsburg.

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John Schambach and Wife, Deceased.

John Schambach, a son of Christian Schambach and wife (nee Walter) who had come from Montgomery county, Pa., and settled one mile north of Middleburg, on the farm now owned by James Crouse, where he farmed and made the woodwork for wagons; he was close to 90 years when he died and is buried in the cemetery at Middleburg. John Schambach was one of a large family—15 children—all grown up to maturity, 10 sons and 5 daughters. He was born Oct. 5, 1830, one mile north of Middleburg and learned the trade of wagon making with his brother George. He came to Beaver Springs in about the year 1849 and worked for George Wagner for several years at his trade. Wagner died in 1851 and he became his successor. He carried on the trade for about four years in Beaver Springs when he moved three-fourth mile west of town and worked at the trade for about 42 years, when he died July 31st, 1898, and lies buried in the new cemetery at Beaver Springs. Catherine Schambach, his wife, was born Nov. 13th, 1832 and died March 21st, 1894, and is also buried in the new cemetery, in the same lot. John Schambach married Catherine Aurand on June 8th, 1853, and five children were born to them, 2 sons and 3 daughters, all living: Howard, the oldest, living in Lewistown, is track foreman on the Sunbury and Lewistown Div.; James, residing at Beaver Springs, employed in the Klingler wagon factory; Mary, married to Austin Bingaman, residing 1½ miles east of Beavertown; Elizabeth, married to Albert Engle, residing in Beavertown, and Annie, married to William Dreese, residing in Beavertown.

Three of the Aurand Buildings Along Railroad Avenue.

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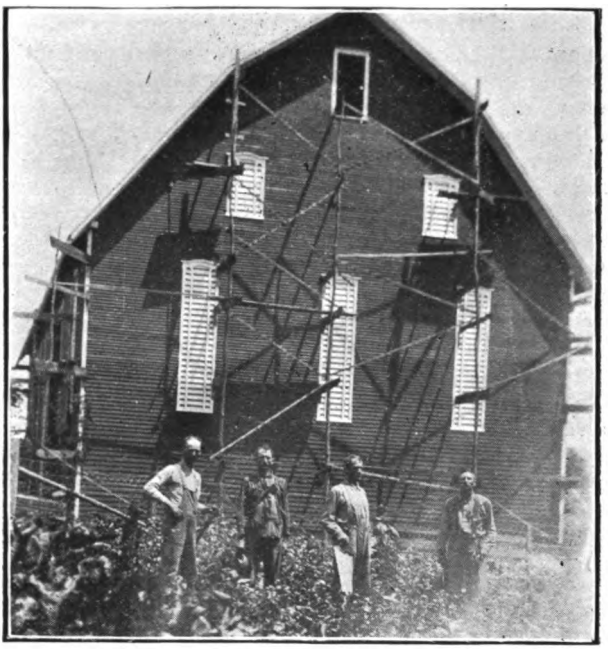

Large barn of Samuel Shirey, erected in 1906 by the following carpenters, shown in the above illustration, reading from left to right: Ammon J. Ocker, Anthony W. Krebs, Milton Manbeck and James O. Snook.

The U. S. Mail, one horse wagon, ready to leave Beaver Springs for Troxelville. Two trips between these towns are made daily. W. F. Blee, carrier.

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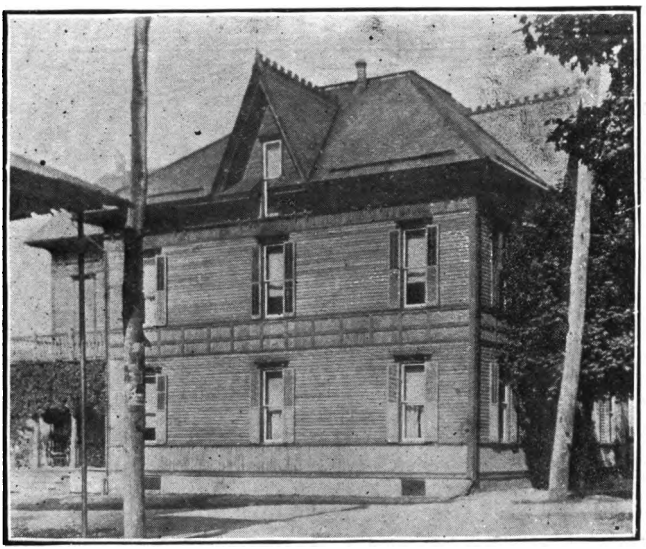
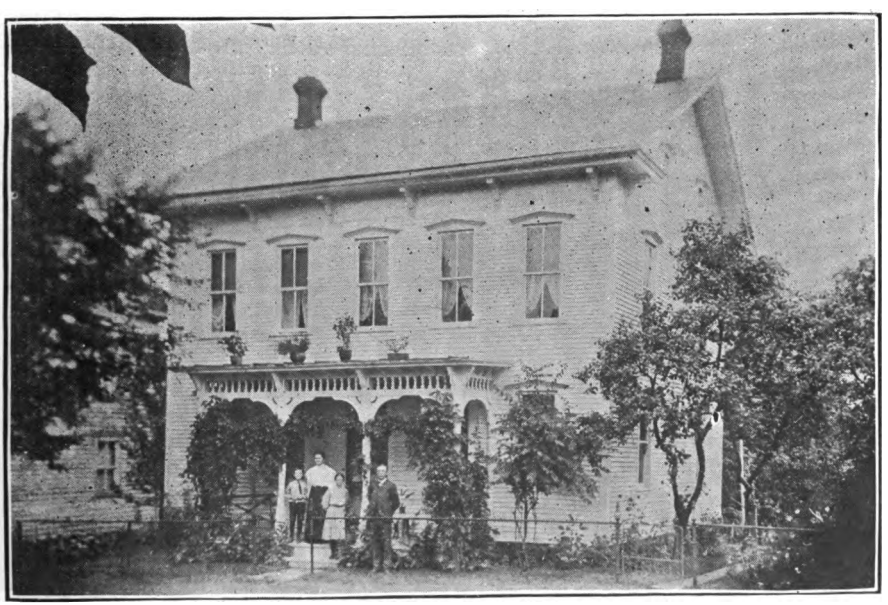


Residence of Foster Smith.



Residence of H. I. Romig.

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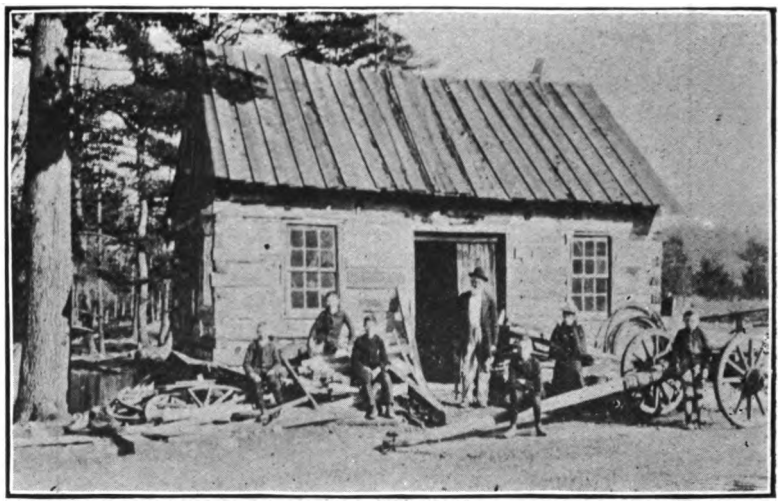

An Old Landmark.

Above cut shows the wagon making shop of John Schambach (deceased,) located at the west end of Dr. Smith's grove a mile west of town. Here Mr. Schambach worked at his trade for a period of 42 years, making the wood-work for wagons and buggies; he also made some of the first grain drills used in this section, and also made shakers for threshing machines, one-horse hayrakes with wooden teeth, harrows and cultivators. Farmers and others came for many miles to have work done here as Mr. Schambach was an expert mechanic in all respects as those know who had work done by him. He worked in the Beaver furnace at Paxtonville for some time and during the Civil war worked for the Government on the construction corps. In the above cut Mr. Schambach is standing in front of the shop, while children are lingering by on their way home from school.

History of the Beaver Springs Military Band.

The Beaver Springs Band was organized in February, 1881, under a constitution framed by Dr. J. O. Wagner, with the following-named members: J. C. Specht, Phares Romig, R. R. Long, W. P. Gross, J. C. Schambach, Albright Dreese, Ephraim Romig, James Dreese, William Youngman, Robert Dreese, R. B. Fessler, H. Frybarger, David Getz, James Wetzel. J. C. Specht was the first leader. In 1884 W. H. Mitchell was elected leader, and has remained such to the present. The band is now known as the Beaver Springs Military Band, and consists of the following members: Top row, reading from left to right: Daniel B. Markley, Ray S. Lantz, Erman Felker, George D. Lantz, John E. Bolender, Jay Spangler, James Felker, Arthur Brown, Sam'l Werner, Albright Dreese. Middle row: P. S. Mitchell, Harry Felker, James C. Schambach, Raymond Wagner, Wm. Felker, Reuben Felker. Lower row: Myron Dreese, Samuel Getz, Mark Felker, W. E. Miller, Clymer Romig, Charles Klingler, William Mitchell, leader, and David Getz.

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THE BEAVER SPRINGS MILITARY BAND.

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THE REFORMED CHURCH CHOIR.

Top row, reading from left to right: Margaret Shambach (organist), A. W. Musser (leader), Lottie Smith; 2d row, D. Frank Spaid, Kathryn Wetzel, J. B. Spangler; lower row, Dr. J. O. Wagner, Mrs. G. M. Smith, Mrs. J. C. Schambach, J. C. Schambach.

Joseph Long conducted a gunsmith shop at the place where Ira Lepley now lives, a mile northwest of town, where he worked at the trade for 55 years. He was also justice of the peace for many years.

The first automobile owned by a citizen of town was received by Samuel F. Aurand, in August, 1906. It is a two-seated Locomobile steamer, the steam being generated by gasoline.

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH CHOIR.

Top row, reading from left to right: W. E. Miller, Reuben Felker, W. H. Mitchell, Harry Felker; 2d row, James Felker, Lettice Mitchell, Gertrude Manbeck, Anna Felker; 3d row, Sallie Sellers, Iva Shannon, Howard J. Mitchell; lower row, Mrs. Gertrude Wagner (organist), Dessie Klingler, Ella Roush, Palmer Mitchell (leader.)

An oil mill used to be operated on the premises now owned by Mitchell Bros., near the present location of the saw-mill. It was later changed to a clover hulling mill.

A grist and saw mill was located years ago on the land occupied for a long time by Henry Felker, deceased, supposed to have been operated by a man named Romig. Another grist and saw mill was located on what is now the Amos Amspacker farm, south of Raub's Mill, operated by John Romig.

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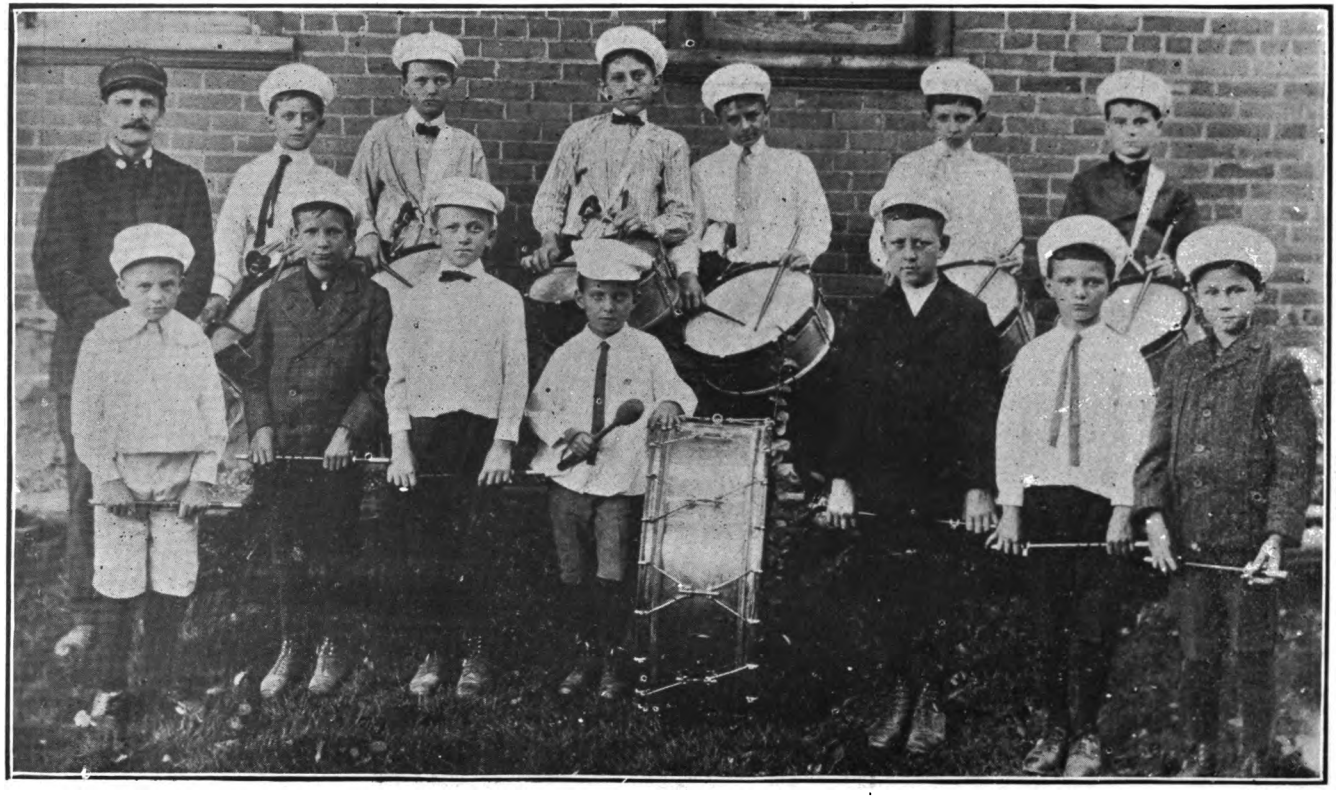

THE BEAVER SPRINGS DRUM CORPS.

The youngest Drum Corps boys in the state, their ages being 10 to 12 years. The names of the boys are as follows, reading from left to right: Prof. David Getz (instructor,) Charles G. Gundrum, Roy Musser, Chester Bingaman, Ben Raudenbush, Banks Wetzel, Ray Walter; lower row, James Raudenbush, Earl Rager, George Haines, Paul Gundrum, Russell Klinepeter, John Gundrum, A. Monroe Aurand, Jr.

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Four Generations of the Town.

THE SPANGLER FAMILY.

(From a photograph taken in 1906.)

Samuel S. Bachman, aged 86 years; Mary A. Spangler, aged 56 years; J. B. Spangler, aged 36 years, and Carrie A. Spangler, aged 15 years.

The grist mills in those days made good strength-giving flour although it wasn't quite so clean. The rats and mice would sometimes go into the stones at night to feed and in the morning the careless miller would start the mill and sometimes hurt the rats.—Andrew Ulsh.

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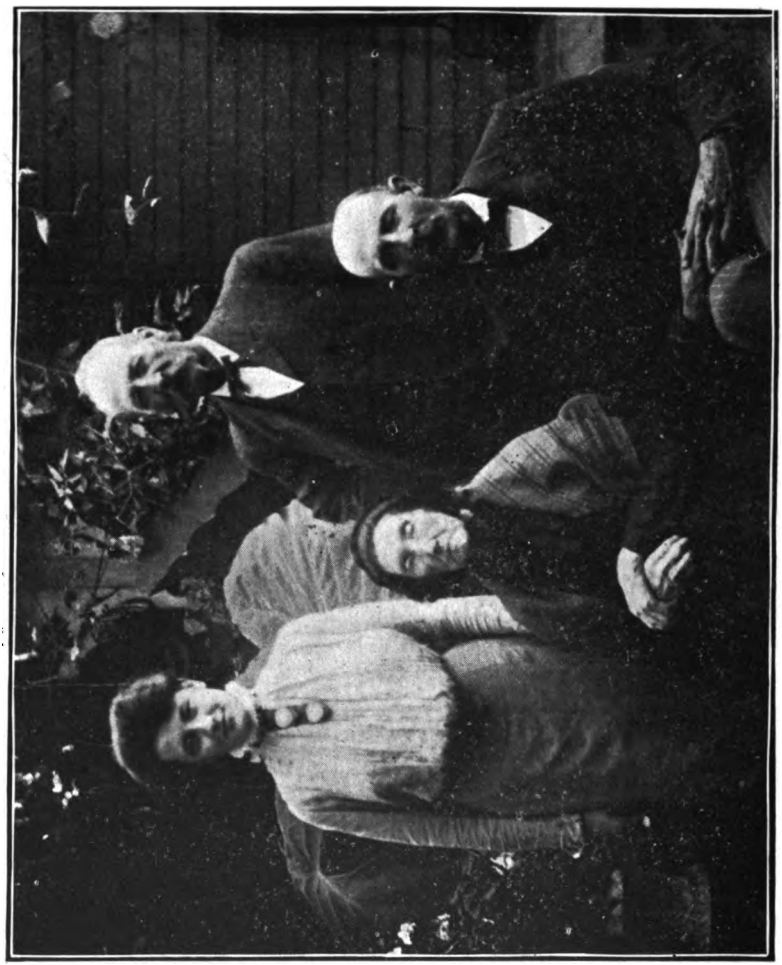

THE MANBECK FAMILY.

(From a photograph taken in 1905.)

Anna Manbeck, aged 86 years (since deceased); Isaac I. Manbeck, aged 63 years; Herbert G. Manbeck, aged 41 years; A. Blanche Manbeck, aged 17 years.

The upper story of the buildings was not divided into apartments as now but all in one room with a bed in each corner. Carpets were unknown and the floors were scrubbed once a week. Mother used to scrub half of the floor and dry it then put the children on that half until the other half was scrubbed. In those days women had no washboards or washmachines, but boiled the clothes and laid them on a bench and beat them with a paddle and did some rubbing with the hands. In that way they were cleaned.—Samuel Bachman.

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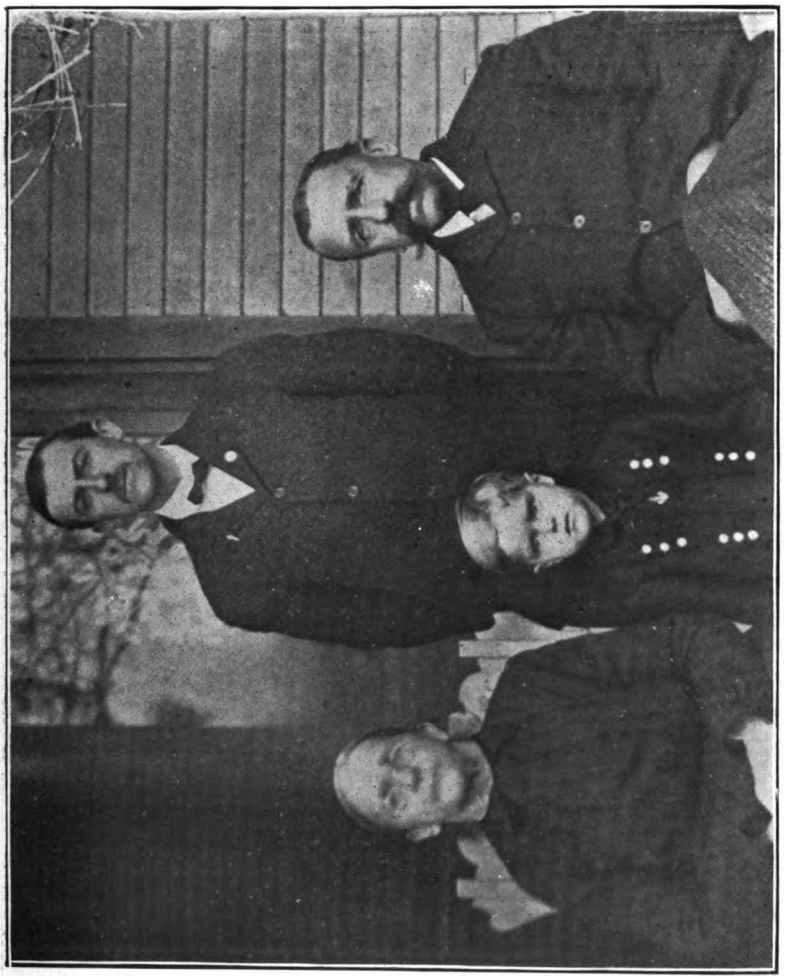

THE AURAND FAMILY.

(From a photograph taken in 1905.)

Caroline Aurand, aged 77 years; Samuel F. Aurand, aged 56 years; Ambrose W. Aurand, aged 28 years, and Alton W. Aurand, aged 4 years.

The neighbors in a community had many different methods of amusement. In the fall they had applebutter parties; a couple would stir or take care of the kettle, the others would pair and slice apples, and when the applebutter was done they would "lick the kettle." During haymaking they often had moonlight mowing parties to mow grass. About ten o'clock they had a good supper and something to drink. They enjoyed work. The ladies had quilting parties and after the quilt was done the young men in the neighborhood would also assemble and dance until late at night.—P. Michael Beaver.

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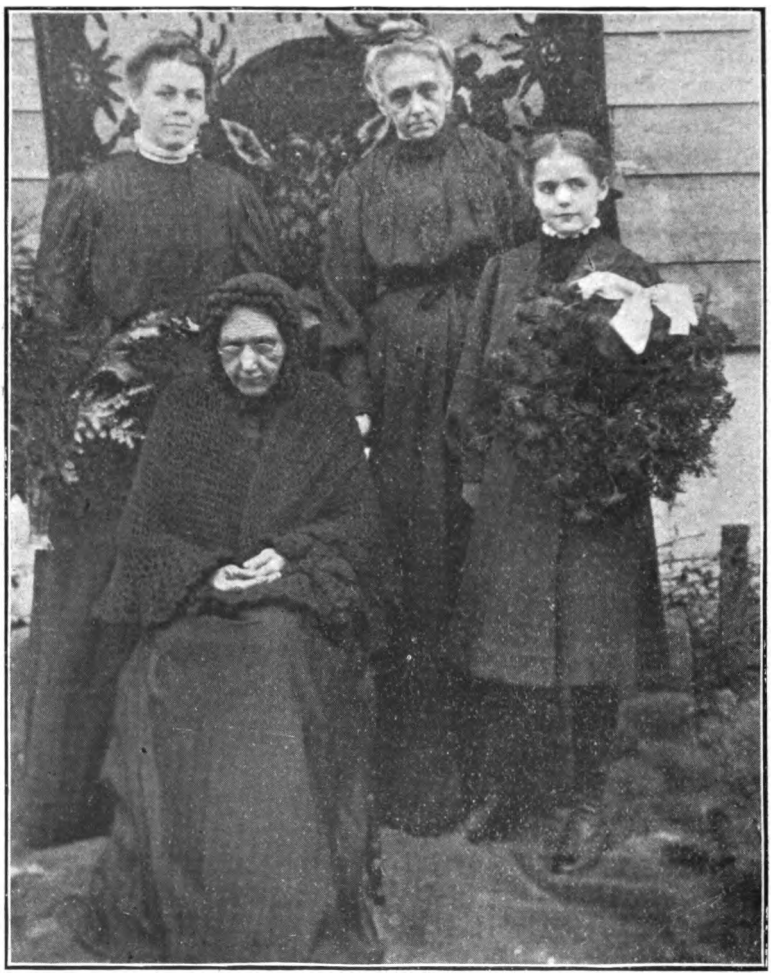

THE RAUGHT FAMILY.

(From a photograph taken in 1905.)

Elizabeth Pontius, aged 79 years; Sarah J. Raught, aged 55 years; Delphena J. Krebs, aged 34 years, and Nellie V. Krebs, aged 13 years. All are living and in robust health.

ELIZABETH PONTIUS.

Elizabeth Pontius, daughter of John and Anna Lehr (nee Peter), was born one mile northwest of Beaver Springs, September 21, 1827, and at the age of 24 years was married to Daniel Pontius and moved on a farm two miles west of Beaver Springs, where they spent many years profitably together. There was born to this union two children, Sarah Jane and Banks, the latter died in childhood. Sarah Jane was married June 6, 1869, to Frederick Raught, and made their home with the former's parents and assisted them with the labors connected with farming. To them were born six daughters, viz: Cora Elizabeth, now married to J. J. Morrow; Delphena Jane, married to A. W. Krebs; Annie Matilda, married to Clymer Romig; Charlotte Mabel, Kate May and Lillian Miriam, the last three unmarried. Elizabeth Pontius is still very active and able to do some work, both in the house and garden. She is one of the oldest citizens of Beaver Springs, having six grandchildren and four great-grand-children.

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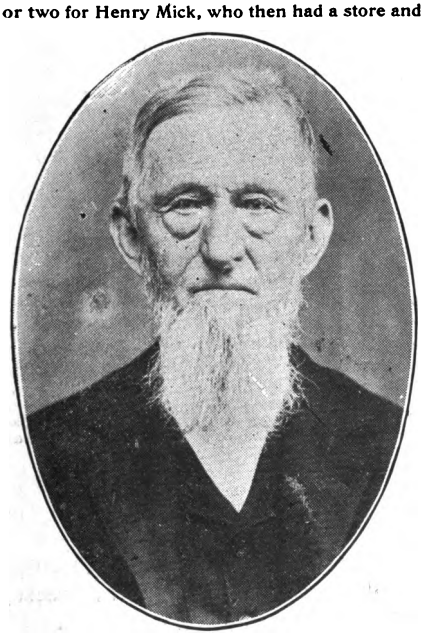
Citizens of Beaver Springs.

Brief Sketches and Portraits of Present Residents and Business Men.

SAMUEL S. BACHMAN.

Samuel S. Bachman, a son of John and Elizabeth (nee Swineford) Bachman, who emigrated from Lehigh county, in the year 1823, located in Swinefordstown, now Middleburg, then in Union county. Mr. Bachman, Sr., was a miller by trade and run the old mill located where the Franklin Mills now stands. The subject began life as a clerk when about 15 years of age for Simon Frank, a Jew, who had a store in Swinefordstown (Middleburg) at that time. At the age of 17 years he came to Adamsburg and clerked a year or two for Henry Mick, who then had a store and



hotel in the old stone mansion on Water street. He then went to Richfield, Juniata county, and clerked for Abraham Graybill for a year and a half; then spent a year traveling with Johnnie Weller's Flying Circus. He then settled down in married life; was united in marriage to Miss Christina Fike, June 18, 1840, and unto them were born six children, five sons and one daughter as follows: Pharus, living in Yeagertown; Irvin, (since died); Wellington, living in Plymouth, Ind.; Albert, living in Niles, Mich.; Alice M., intermarried to Jonathan Spangler, and with whom the subject of the sketch is now living; and Calvin, also dead. Irvin died in single blessedness, but Calvin left a family to mourn his loss. Mr. Bachman has fourteen grandchildren and twenty-six great grandchildren living. After his marriage he moved to Adamsburg and worked on a farm for his old employer, Henry Mick, for a few years, then at intervals clerked for David Hoovler at Beavertown, and James Smith, also at Beavertown, and for —— Frederick who had a store at Beavertown and run a branch store at Troxelville, Mr. Bachman running the branch store. This was about the year 1850. About this time or a little later a man by the name of John Margretz had a store at what is now known as Fishers Mills, in West Beaver Twp., who became involved and turned over the store to John Fike, a brother-in-law of Mr. Bachman, to sell the goods and settle accounts. Mr. Fike, knowing the ability of Mr. Bachman as a salesman, engaged him as clerk which position he held until the goods were turned into cash and accounts settled. The last of the goods were sold at auction, old Mr. George Kaley being the auctioneer. He became a member of the Reformed church of Adamsburg, Rev. L. C. Edmonds, pastor, in the year 1878, and for many years served as elder under the pastorage of Revs. Edmonds and Romig. In this same year by Joel Row, John D. Romig and Moses Krebs, then county commissioners, was appointed tax collector of Beaver township, which office he faithfully filled for six years. Mrs. Bachman was born March 9, 1819, and was a faithful member of the church from her youth and died March 6, 1880, and was buried on the sixty-first anniversary of her birth and lies in the old cemetery. After her death he went to live with his daughter, and for three years clerked for his grandson, James B. Spangler, then living at McClure. He was now getting well along in years and quit work, except doing tree and vine grafting, at which he was an expert, and took to hunting, trapping and fishing and still takes delight and pleasure in the recreation. He is hale and hearty and possesses all his faculties, and at the age of nearly 87 years can read the finest print without the aid of glasses.

Marriages.

Dec. 28, 1880, by Rev. Irvine, Geo. S. Lepley, of Adamsburg, to S. Ellen Reitz, of Middlecreek township.

Dec. 29, 1880, by Rev. Irvine, Moses Benfer and Rebecca Snook, of near Adamsburg.

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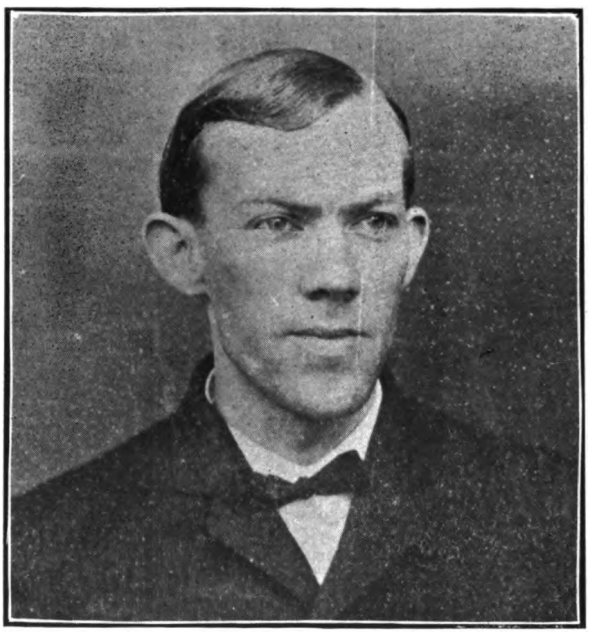
CITIZENS OF BEAVER SPRINGS

W. EDGAR MILLER.

Mr. Miller was born February 21, 1879, at Montgomery, Lycoming county, Pa., and is the oldest son of B. Franklin and Ada Miller (latter deceased since 1886.) He attended the public schoo's at Montgomery until the age of fourteen, when he entered the Mirror Publishing House of the same place and learned the printing trade. Five years later he went to Hughesville, Pa., and was employed in the printing office of the Hughesville Mail for three years. While at Hughesville he was also employed on the correspondents' staff of the Williamsport Grit. Mr. Miller came to Beaver Springs October 15, 1900, to take the foremanship of the Aurand Printing and Publishing House, which office he still holds. He is an expert printer on every class of work and has never had any difficulty with those employed under him. He was married to Carrie E., daughter of William H. and Orpha Youngman, September 26, 1901. Three children were born to this family: Albert Franklin, Olive Leone and Lloyd Edgar. Mr. Miller is a member of the Beaver Springs Military Band and also of the Lutheran S. S. Orchestra.



The Town in 1832.

A gazetteer of the state of Pennsylvania published in Philadelphia in 1832 by T. Belknap, and in the private library of A. M. Aurand, of this place, gives this description of the town:

"ADAMSBURG, Beaver township, Union county, at the foot of Black Oak Ridge, about 12 miles southwest of New Berlin, contains 25 dwellings, 1 store, 1 tavern and a Presbyterian church."

Marriages.

Jan. 12, 1896, by Rev. P. C. Weidenmyer, Willard W. Bingaman, of Middlecreek and Lillie I. Smith, of Beaver Springs.

Sept. 28, 1897, by Rev. B. F. Kautz, Jacob Wagner to Gertrude F. Dreese, both of Beaver Springs.

Sept. 28, 1897, by Rev. L. Dice, Ira A. Kline, of Troxelville, to Irene M. Benfer, of Adamsburg.

Dec. 30, 1890, by Rev. Wetzler, Edward Hackenberry to Kate A. Getz, both of Beaver Springs.

Aug. 15, 1841, by Rev. Shindel, Daniel Alter to Salome Mattern, both of Beaver Twp.

Sept. 3, 1844, Reuben Klose to Sarah Middleswarth, both of Beaver Twp.

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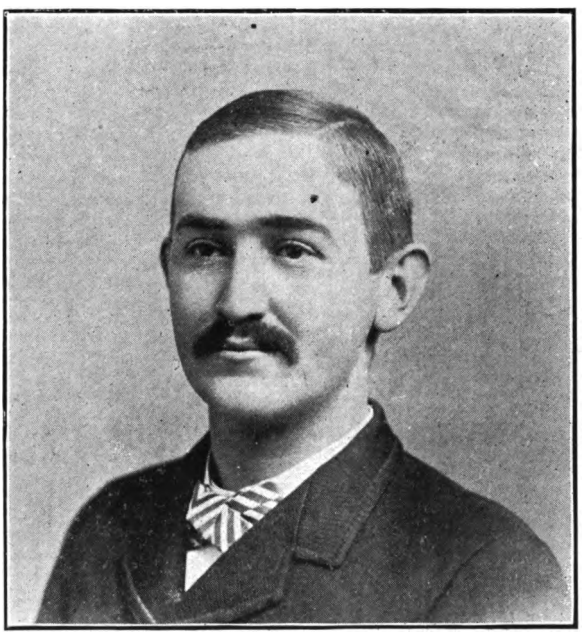
M. W. S. BENFER.

Mr. Benfer was born Aug. 7th, 1859, the son of Paul Benfer and wife, Lerah (nee Bingaman). He worked on the farm until he was 21 years old, then was employed for one year by George E. Beck at the milling trade in 1880. In 1881 he went to Michigan and worked at milling for one year for J. W. Hoffman, Three Rivers, Mich,, and on April 2, 1882, he began milling at the mill he occupies now. For twenty-six years he has been engaged in the milling business. Mr. Benfer was half owner in the Spring Telephone Co. from 1900 to 1902, holding the treasurership in this company. He is now director in the First National Bank at McClure, Pa., and his son Erman is cashier of the same institution. His father died at the age of 87 years and his mother at 80 years. Mr. Benfer was married to Jennie A. Wetzel, of Clearfield, Pa., in April, 1883. The one son, Erman, named above, is the only child that has blessed this union.



Deaths.

Daniel Treaster, an aged citizen, died Sunday evening, Nov. 6, 1887, aged 72 years. He was confined to the house only ten days, with consumption, having been sickly, however, for over a year.

George W. Swenk, son of William Swenk, of this place, died Saturday morning, Oct. 27, 1888, at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. Fillman, in Missouri, aged 30 years. For three years he was a taaveling salesman for a Philadelphia medical house. He contracted rheumatism and ague, from the results of which he died.

Marriages.

July 16, 1877, by Rev. A. Romich, Jomes F. Raudenbush to Elizabeth J. Mohney, both of Adamsburg.

Jan. 13, 1884, by Rev. Dietzler, Jas. A. Felker and E. Virginia Woodling, both of Adamsburg.

Oct. 30, 1884, by Rev. Dietzler, Wm. J. Bilger, of Adamsburg, and Mrs. Sarah E. Ocker, of Middlecreek.

Dec. 23, 1884, by Rev. Stetler, J. O. Wagner, M. D., of Adamsburg, to Ellen Gross, of Beavertown.

Sept. 28, 1884, by Rev. Dietzler, Wm. Mitchell, of Adamsburg, and Jane Wagner, or West Beaver.

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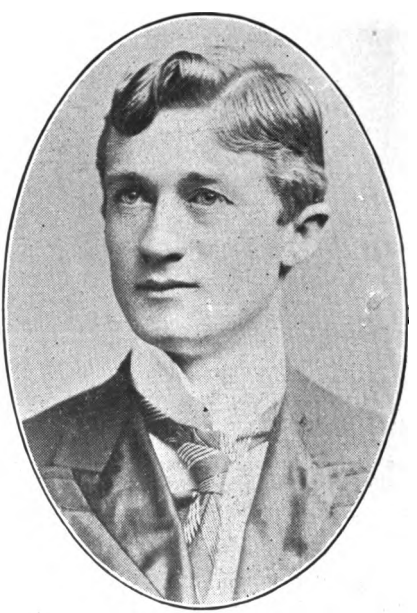
HENRY H. LAUB.

Henry H. Laub was born in New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa., on Jan. 10th, 1840. His father, Jacob, and mother, Elizabeth, removed with his

family to Juniata Co., Pa., in 1845. He was educated in the common schools until 1859, when he entered the academy at McAlisterville, then conducted by Geo. F. McFarland. In the winter of '60 and '61 he taught school in West Beaver township, Snyder Co., Pa., and the next summer entered school again and in the fall and winter of '61 and '62 taught school in the same township and county. On April 2, 1862, he enlisted in Co. H, 49th Regt. P. V. I. for three years, or during the war. He served his time and remained with the army until the surrender at Appomatox Court House, arriving home in Snyder Co., May 5th, 1865. He was married to Louisa Shout, daughter of Adam Shout, of West Beaver township, Snyder Co., Pa. To this union were born six children, viz: Harry, George and Jacob, Sallie Jane, Elizabeth Isophene, Grace Victoria. He resided in West Beaver, Beaver and Spring townships since his return from the war. His occupation was a carpenter but he has taken up fruit growing for the last twenty years for a living. He held the office of township auditor of West Beaver for several terms. In Spring township he held the office of assessor, supervisor, tax collector, auditor, census enumerator for 1890, school director for three terms. He has held an office in the church to which he belongs since 1874; is now secretary of Christ Reformed church of Beaver Springs, and treasurer of the Joint Consistory of the Beaver Springs charge. He belongs to the G. A. R. Post 612 of this place, has been Post Commander and passed all the chairs and has held the office of Quartermaster for the last fourteen years in succession.

CHARLES E. KELLER.

Mr. Keller was born in Beaver Springs, May 9, 1870, his parents being Thomas J. and Elizabeth Keller (nee Specht). He went to Chicago in 1890, residing there about one year. He was married to Rosa A. Losche and the following children have blessed this union: Ralph Leslie, age 15 years; Grace Margureite, age 12 years; Maude Beatrice, age 11 years; Gay Thyra Eleanore, age 2 years. All take an interest in music and art. He went to Elkins, W. Va., for five months; worked in the lumbering regions about eight years in the western and northern counties; went to Philadelphia in 1900 and held a position for two years as conductor for the Union Traction Co., returned home and went into the butchering business in which business he is now engaged. He is a member of Christ Reformed church of this place since 1887; member of G. W. C. A., of



Chicago, member of Adamsburg Lodge No. 566 I. O. O. F. since 1897; has held all the offices in said lodge and passed the chairs; is at present a Past Grand.

Marriages.

June 18, 1877, by Rev. Wieand, John McElrath, of Riverside, Cumberland Co., to Lydia Romig, of West Beaver township, Snyder Co.

Dec. 27, 1883, Rev. Stetler, Peter F. Rigle, of Adams township, to Lizzie E. Hassinger, of Decatur township, Mifflin Co.

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CLYMER ROMIG.

Clymer Romig, son of Ephraim and Ada S. Romig, was born Jan. 6, 1877, in Adamsburg, now Beaver Springs, Pa., and has been a citizen

of the town ever since. He entered the HERALD office at the age of fifteen and after working four years at the trade he took up the profession of a teacher in the public schools, where he spent eight years of successful work in instructing and training the young for their duties in life. On Jan. 27, 1905, he resigned his position as teacher and again secured a place in the A. M. Aurand Printing House as bookkeeper and billing and shipping clerk. He was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace; Feb. 21, 1905, and commissioned May 1, 1905, for a term of five years. Mr. Romig was married to Annie M. Raught, daughter of Frederick and Sarah J. Raught, March 10, 1901, and is a member and an active and ardent worker in the St. Peter's Evan. Lutheran church and has been secretary of the Sunday school for a period of eleven years, and is now superintendent of the same, having been elected to that office Jan. 1, 1906. He is a lover of music and is a member of the Beaver Springs, Pa., military band, which organization has won for itself the honor of being one of the leading bands of Central Pennsylvania. He has an amiable disposition and is an energetic and trustworthy young man, always ready to help in anything that will improve and help to modernize the community in which he lives.

IRA A. KLINE.

Ira Albert Kline was born at Troxelville, Pa., on the 22nd of March, 1872. The name Kline is of German origin. In the seventeenth century Stuffle Kline emigrated from Germany to Berks county from which the name originates. His father, Josiah, died ten years ago and his mother, thirty years ago. His father was a farmer, therefore his early life was passed as a farmer's boy. Though left motherless at the age of four years, he remembers his mother's sickness and death as though it happened yesterday. In his earliest years, however, the love of books was the master passion of his soul. His heart's desire was to become a public school teacher, for which profession he prepared himself by attending nine various Normals. He taught sixteen successful years in succession. He has abandoned teaching and accepted a clerical position with the printing and publishing department of the American Publishing Co., and in 1906 was appointed

assistant post master at Beaver Springs, in which town he resides. He is married to C. Irena M. Benfer and is an active member of the United Evangelical church of Troxelville, Pa.

Marriages.

Dec. 25, 1884, by Rev. Orwig, John A. Rearick, of Beavertown, to Sallie M. Markley, of Adamsburg.

Jan. 1, 1885, by Rev. Stetler, Aaron Moyer, of West Beaver, and Lizzie M. Helfrick, of Adamsburg.

Marriages.

August 12, 1880, at Adamsburg, by Rev. L. C. Edmonds, Isaac Wetzel and Maggie Swenk.

Nov. 28, 1880, by Rev. Edmonds, James C. Shambach, of Adamsburg, and Hattie Aigler, of Beavertown.

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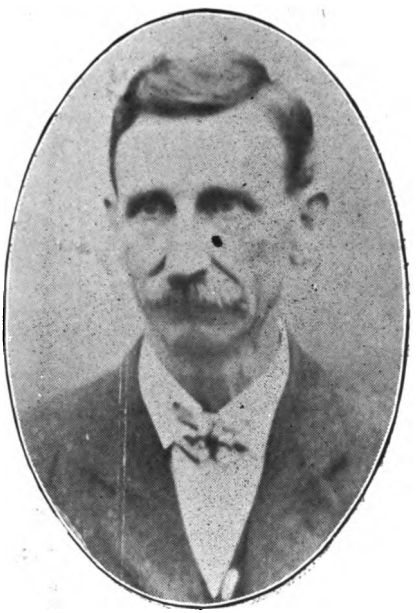
HOWARD J. MITCHELL.

Mr. Mitchell was born Feb. 12, 1860, his parents being Amos E. and Mary Ann Mitchell. He resided near Beaver Springs to this time; was married to Cora E. Wagner, from which union two children, Harry A. and Grace V., were born. He taught school from 1883 to 1889; has been a member of the Lutheran choir for over twenty-five years and secretary of the I. O. O. F. Lodge from April 1, 1901 to the present time; was the representative to Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. at Scranton in 1905. Mr. Mitchell has been a member of the Democratic County Committee for twelve years and served as township auditor for two terms.



CHARLES C. GROSS.

Mr. Gross was born Jan. 18, 1867, in West Beaver Twp., now Spring township. His father's name is Anis Gross and his mother's name Sarah (nee Ulsh.) He resided in what is now Spring Township all his life with the exception of one year, 1890, when he resided at Bellevue, Ohio. He followed farming all his life time; was married on March 8th, 1891, to Miss Annie Bilger. This union was blessed with six children: Jennie, George, John, Mark, Cora and Mary, aged 14, 12 9, 7, 4 and 1 year respectively. He has held township offices as follows: Judge of election, one term; township supervisor, one term; county committeeman, two terms. He has been librarian and secretary of the Lutheran Sunday school for a number of years and deacon of the Lutheran church for one year.

Marriages.

Dec. 22, 1881, by Rev. M. L. Dietzler, James D. Dreese, of Adamsburg, and Laura Ellen Straub, of Painter.

Nov. 7, 1886, by Rev. Landis, Robert McClellan and Jane Maurer, both of Beaver Springs.

Dec. 14, 1886, by Rev. Honeycutt, Dr. A. M. Smith and Carrie Specht, both of Adamsburg.

Dec. 20, 1886, by Rev. Honeycutt, David Getz, of Adamsburg, to Laura E. Zook, of McClure.

June 19, 1884, by Rev. Dietzler, John O. Klingler, of Middlecreek, and Anna V. Gundrum, of Adamsburg.

Marriages.

Dec. 28, 1886, by Rev. Stetler, Emmet C. May, of Adamsburg, to Jennie Weiand, of Lowell.

June 24, 1888, by Rev. J. C. Mumma, Charles H. Wagner and Mary E. Sellers, both of Adamsburg.

Dec. 26, 1889, by Rev. Landis, A. M. Aurand and Jennie M. Helfrich, both of Beaver Springs.

Feb. 2. 1890, by Rev. Landis, Harry M. Matter and Louisa J. Haines, both of Beaver Springs.

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WILLIAM H. MITCHELL.

Mr. Mitchell, leader of the Beaver Springs band and orchestra, was born Sept. 2, 1864, and is the son of Amos E. Mitchell, residing two miles west of Beaver Springs. He received a common school education and in November, 1883, became a member of the Beaver Springs band and after being a member three weeks was chosen leader and conductor and has held that position to the present time. On Sept. 28, 1884, he was married to Miss S. J. Wagner, daughter of Henry Wagner. Two children were born to this union: Palmer S. and Lettice M. Mr. Mitchell has followed farming and peach growing and was elected school director for one term; united with the Evan. Lutheran church at the age of eighteen years, and has been a member of the church council eleven years, to the present time, also serving as Sunday school superintendent for one year.

PALMER S. MITCHELL.

Mr. Mitchell is a son of W. H. Mitchell and was born Oct. 13, 1886, two miles west of Beaver Springs. In November, 1894, at the age of eight years, he became a member of the Adamsburg (now Beaver Springs) band and two years later arranged his first piece of music for the band. He is also a leading member in the Sunday school orchestra. In 1905 he was elected leader of the Choral society of the Lutheran congregation; he united with the Evan. Lutheran church in April, 1899, Rev. I. P. Zimmerman, pastor. His present occupation is teaching vocal and instrumental music.

Marriages.

Oct. 31, 1897, by Rev. B. F. Kautz, Ambrose W. Aurand, of Adamsburg, to Hettie Hartley, of McClure.

Oct. 5, 1871, by Rev. Casper, Alvin Ulsh, of West Beaver Twp., to Amanda Riegel, of Beaver Twp.

Dec. 31, 1876, by Rev. Casper, William Riegel and Mary Maurer, both of Adams Twp.

Jan. 1, 1839, Andrew Ulsh, Jr., to Catherine Miller, both of Beaver.

HERALD, Dec. 16, 1887.

The Henry Clay Lyceum met last Friday evening and carried out the following program: Song, Hail to America; Roll call, reading of the minutes of previous meeting, dialogue by two little girls, proposals of new members, select reading, by Charles Klose; essay, by Fred Schrader; Miss Lottie Smith and Mr. A. C. Landis answered referred questions; song, In the Gloaming, by Miss Mollie Specht and Miss Jennie Helfrich; referred question, Who was John Trowbridge? answered by Charles Mumma; question for debate, Resolved, That Sabbath Breaking is a Greater Evil than Intemperance. The speakers were, on the affirmative side, H. I. Romig, Jacob Kempfer, W. I. Keller; on the negative side, I. N. Johns, H. O. Schrader and Miss Annie Shirey. The judges decided in favor of the negative side.

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J. I. BINGAMAN.

Mr. Bingaman was born April 22, 1855, near Beavertown, Pa. At the age of 22 he was married to Miss Frances C. Ewig, youngest daughter

of Michael Ewig, of Troxelville; was engaged in farming for a number of years, then went into the farm implement business up to 1892, when he started on the road as a salesman selling machinery. Up to the present time Mr. Bingaman raised a family of four daughters and six sons. One daughter died at the age of 15 years, the rest are all living. He united with the Lutheran church March 31, 1888, at this place, J. C. Mumma, pastor; joined the Odd Fellows Oct. 15, 1881, No. 197, Selinsgrove, Pa., later joined as a charter member of No. 566, March 30, 1892, at Beaver Springs; elected vice grand in 1894 and served the full term; was elected representative to Grand Lodge in 1895. Is now serving as District Deputy Grand Master of Snyder county, I. O. O. F.

Marriages.

Jan. 30, 1870, in Middleburg, by Rev. Lazurus, Samuel F. Aurand and Elenora Stumpff, both of Beaver township.

Jan. 30, 1870, by Rev. Lazurus, H. Wilson Mattern and Elizabeth Steininger, both of West Beaver township.

Jan. 30, 1870, by Rev. Lazurus, Reuben Dreese, of Beaver township, to Mrs. Kate Barbin, of Franklin township.

H. M. PONTIUS.

Henry Milton Pontius, son of George R. and Susan Pontius, was born March 29th, 1872, in Washington township, Snyder Co., Pa. His early years were spent upon his father's farm where he worked and during the winter attended school. At the age of sixteen he attended the Freeburg Academy and at eighteen his eight years' teaching career began. During the summer months he completed his course of education and the training received in the academy and different normal schools made him a successful teacher. Dec. 24th, 1901, he was married to Ella Norah Botdorf, daughter of George A. and Mary Botdorf, of Freeburg. This union was blessed with a daughter, Mary Susan; born Sept. 12th, 1902. April 1st, 1902, he entered the mercantile business at Beaver Springs, which occupation he is following to this day. His close watch over his

business and his honest dealings with all customers has led many persons to place much confidence in him as a business man.

Marriages.

March 1, 1883, by Rev. Dietzler, Albright Dreese to Annie C. Greenhoe, both of Adamsburg.

March 15, 1883, by Rev. Stetler, D. Franklin Spaid and Susan Smith, at Beavertown.

April 1, 1883, by Rev. Dietzler, M. W. Scott Benfer and Jennie A. Wetzel, both of Adamsburg.

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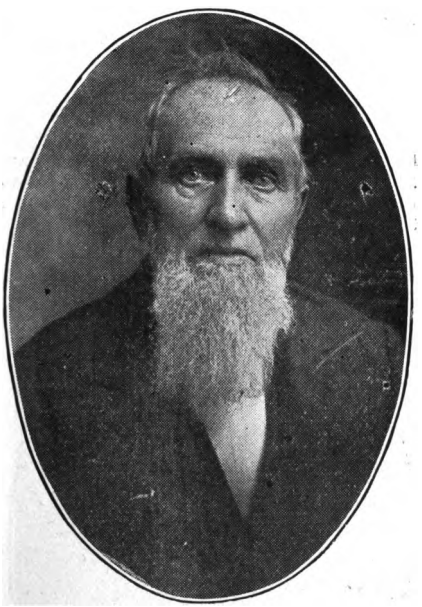
LEWIS RASH HAINES.

L. R. Haines was born Aug. 19, 1830, at Beavertown. His father died Jan. 12, 1839; the family then moved to Adamsburg; in the spring of 1844 he was hired to Samuel Sager, of near Burn-



ham; came home and went to school in the spring of 1845; was hired to John Frank until 1848, then went to learn the saddler trade; in 1851 went to Clearfield to work at his trade; in the fall of that year he cast his first vote for Wm.F. Bigler; came home and went to school until spring when he started into business for himself and worked at the saddlery up to this time, about 58 years. The only time he was out of the shop was when he was in the Civil War. He enlisted August 24, 1864, and was mustered out when the war closed, April 12, 1865. He then came home and resumed his old trade. Mr. Haines was married to Louisa Saltzman, November 16, 1854, and this union was blessed with two sons, William F. and Lewis J. William was born Sept. 11, 1857, and was baptized by Rev. Wm. G. Hackman; Lewis was born Feb. 2, 1862, and was baptized March 19, 1862, by Rev. J. Kempfer, died March 12, 1887, aged 25 years, 1 month and ten days. The mother of the subject of this sketch was Susana Schultz, who died Nov. 7, 1889, aged 97 years, 9 months and 9 days. His father raised a family of fifteen children, six with the first wife and nine with the second. All of these are dead except Rash, Isaac and Jane.

Marriages.

Aug. 4, 1867, by Rev. Shindel, Thomas J. Keller to Elizabeth Specht both of Beaver.

Feb. 25. 1886, by Rev. Shindel, J. D. Smith, of Kansas, to Ida Heckendorn, of Adamsburg.

ROBERT SMITH.

Mr. Smith was born December 1, 1833, on the farm now owned by him. He is a son of John D. Smith and wife, Annie, the homestead being located one mile west of Troxelville. He commenced farming for himself in 1856, and continued in that occupation until 1881; he then moved to Beaver Springs. Mr. Smith is married to Melinda

Gross, daughter of Jacob Gross, deceased; two children were born to this union, one daughter, Jennie, and one son, Ira. Mr. Smith has been a member and officer of the Reformed church for many years.

Deaths.

Feb. 13, 1900, Sarah, widow of Reuben Klose, aged 73 years, 1 month and 7 days.

July 16, 1900, Ellen B. Weidman, aged 46 years, 4 months and 25 days.

July 10, 1892, John D. Hamilton, aged 31 years, 10 months. This was the first interment in the new cemetery.

Mar. 9, 1894, Katie Markley, aged 12 years, 6 months and 26 days.

Jan. 10, 1895, Joseph Shannon, aged 69 years, 11 months and 25 days.

Jan. 20, 1895, Charles Markley, aged 28 years, 4 months and 23 days.

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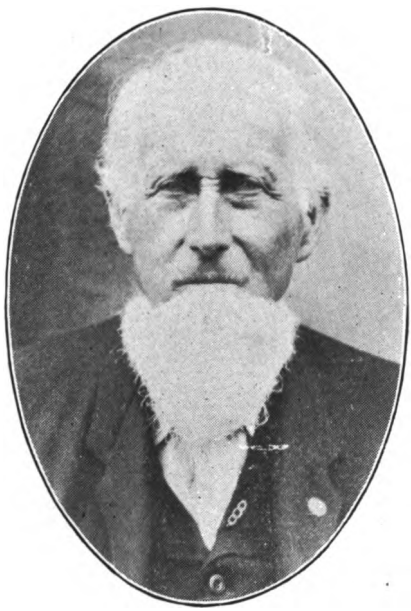
LEWIS RAUCH.

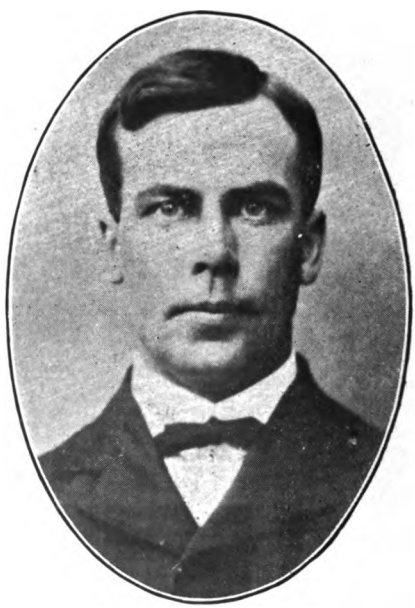
Mr. Rauch is a grand-son of Henry Rauch, who was a resident of Berks county, Pa. His father, Henry Rauch, Jr., was also born and reared in



Berks county. His mother, Rebecca, (nee Sipe), was born and raised in Lehigh county. Sometime after marriage, about 1833, they moved to Union county. The subject of this sketch was born in Middlecreek township, now Snyder Co. When he was five years old his father bought the mill property and farm in Middlecreek and moved thereon. Mr. Rauch has always resided in or not more than six miles distant from Beaver Springs with the exception of four years when he lived in Juniata county. He became a member of the Reformed church fifty-three years ago and served as elder for 20 years; is an active Sunday school worker and held the offices of superintendent and assistant superintendent, and has also been a teacher for thirty years. His wife, Melinda, was a daughter of George Hoofnagle. Eight children were born to this union, four boys and four girls, viz: Henry A., William R., Lewis H., Jonathan M., Harriet, Mary, Rebecca and Sarah. Mr. Rauch and wife are both seventy-five years old. He served during the Civil War and is an active member of the G.A.R.; is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, and has gone through all the chairs of the I. O. O. F. Lodge of Adamsburg, No. 566, and was a representative to the Grand Lodge; has also served as Overseer of the Poor. When about seventeen years old he learned the milling trade and worked at it about two years, but was compelled to quit on account of his nose bleeding; he then worked on the farm for two years, after which he learned the carpenter trade under Daniel Alter and worked at the trade about fifteen years; he then went into the millwright business, building new mills and remodeling old ones; after working at this business fifteen or sixteen years he returned to the carpenter trade, which he still follows. Mr. Rauch has been a residentof Beaver Springs for eighteen years.

WILLIAM H. THOMAS.

Mr. Thomas was born September 19, 1876, at Newton Hamilton, Pa., and is a son of Abraham M. and Margaret B. Thomas. He moved to Painterville when quite young, at which place he resided until November 4, 1901, when he came



to Beaver Springs and accepted the position as railroad foreman July 7, 1901, which position he still holds. He has also been foreman on work train. Mr. Thomas was married to Mary E. Maben, of Milroy, and the following children have been born: C. Earle and C. Raymond. He is a Past Grand of Adamsburg Lodge No. 566, I. O. O. F.

Deaths.

March 6, 1880, Christina, wife of Samuel Bachman, aged 60 years, 11 months and 27 days.

March 14, 1883, Alvilda, wife of Dr. A. M. Smith, aged 32 years, 11 months and 14 days.

Dec. 23, 1886, Henry Smith, aged 76 years, 1 month and 16 days.

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WILLIAM H. RIEGEL.

Mr. Riegel was born May 21, 1857, and is a son of Peter and Matilda Riegel; was married to Mary, daughter of Daniel and Mary Maurer, Dec. 31, 1876, and to them was born one daughter, Elsie, who was married Nov. 26, 1904, to A. Kaltriter, of Mt. Pleasant Mills. Mr. Riegel went to Kansas, March, 1878, and took up 80 acres of land under the Homestead Act, and 80 acres under the Timber Act. He came east in May, 1880, to Beaver Springs, where he now resides. He is an ardent Republican and was nominated treasurer of Snyder county, Feb. 15, 1896, and

elected by over 1,200 majority on Nov. 3, 1896; was elected school director in 1894; became a member of the I. O. O. F. in 1893. He learned the brick laying trade, at which he is actively engaged at present. Mr. Riegel is a member of the Reformed church and has served in various offices for years and also as Sunday school superintendent.

JACOB A. WAGNER.

Mr. Wagner was born February 15, 1874, at McClure, Pa., and is a son of Henry and Carolina Wagner. He lived at home on the farm until

married and then moved to Beaver Springs, where he now resides. Mr. Wagner was married September 28, 1897, to Gertrude F. Dreese, daughter of Wilson Dreese. One son, Park D., was born to this union July 31, 1905. Mr. Wagner is a member of the General Council Lutheran church. He is a successful young farmer.

Marriages.

Nov. 18, 1847, by Rev. Shindel, Isaac Aurand and Caroline Robinson, both of Beaver township.

Sept. 8, 1864, by Rev. Shindel, Isaac I. Manbeck to Lovina Dreese, both of Adamsburg.

Dec. 15, 1864, by Rev. Shindel, James F. Keller to Susan Smith, both of Beaver twp.

Deaths.

Sept. 21, 1888, Daniel Alter, aged 68 years, 6 months and 21 days.

Sept. 22, 1889, Amos E. Mitchell, aged 56 years, 10 months and 19 days.

April 16, 1889, Anna, wife of John Bolender, aged 37 years, 10 months and 28 days.

Feb. 5, 1890, Jacob Dreese, aged 88 years, 11 months and 11 days.

Jan. 19, 1880, at Adamsburg, Rev. Jacob Kaempfer, aged 79 years, 5 months and 26 days. This was the first funeral held in the new Lutheran church.

Mar. 12, 1887, Lewis Joseph Haines, aged 25 years, 1 month and 10 days.

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D. FRANK SPAID.

Mr. Spaid was born in Beaver township, Snyder county, Pa., Jan. 17th, 1863. He was the son of David W. Spaid, of Middleburg, and his wife,

Sarah. His father was a soldier in the Civil War and was discharged in 1863 and died in 1864 from sickness contracted from over-work and exertion while serving his country. His mother afterwards was married to Lewis Helfrich, to whom one daughter was born, Jennie, now married to A. M. Aurand. Mrs. Helfrich died September 10, 1900, aged 64 years and 12 days. Mr. Spaid was married in 1883 to Miss Sue M. Smith, of near Beavertown, Pa., and started housekeeping in Beaver Springs. He was employed in the iron ore mines of this place until 1886, when he moved to Mifflinburg and secured employment in Enoch Miller's planing mill and was engaged with Mr. Miller until the spring of 1889, at which time he moved back again to Beaver Springs. Shortly after that he was engaged with Cofrode & Evans, of Pottsville, engineers and contractors, and was sent to Johnstown directly after the flood to help build a railroad bridge across the Conemaugh river; from there he went to Latrobe, Westmoreland Co., and later to Catasauqua, Lehigh Co., where he worked the entire winter. He then engaged in carpenter work at Beaver Springs and afterwards entered the butchering business which he carried on for about two years. In Dec. 1898, he was employed by the Beaver Springs Creamery Co., in which occupation he is still engaged as manager. Mr. Spaid was confirmed by Rev. W. M. Landis and became a member of the Reformed church at this place and has been a deacon continuously fifteen years; was assistant superintendent of the Sunday school two years and has occupied the secretaryship at different times, which office he holds at present; is also trustee of the Reformed parsonage at this place and one of the vice presidents of the Centennial committee; has also been a member of the Reformed choir for a number of years and is a member of the Henry K. Ritter Camp No. 65, Sons of Veterans, of McClure. Mr. Spaid is one of the progressive citizens of the town, ever ready to help along any improvement for the good of the community. He is the father of eight children, as follows: Minnie J., Charles E., Carrie A., Edna M., John R. (deceased), Eva M., Grace B. (deceased), and Christine M.

HURLEY ROMIG.

Mr. Romig was born Nov. 5, 1873, his parents being Ephraim and Ada Romig. He has resided at McClure and Selinsgrove and is now telegraph operator and freight and ticket agent at Beaver Springs. He has been with the P. R. R. Company since 1890; is also agent for the Adams Express Company. He has recently been relieved of telegraphic work on account of the increase of business at the office. Mr. Romig was married to Tessie Baker and two daughters have been born to this union, Marie and Lou. Mr. Romig is a member of the St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church of Beaver Springs and has taught a class of young men in the Sunday school for six years and in addition has been assistant superintendent several years and served as deacon. He was employed with the A. M. Aurand Printing House from 1888 to 1890.

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FRANK W. DREESE.

Mr. Dreese is a son of W. H. Dreese and was born in 1870. He was telegraph operator on the Tyrone division for two years; served six years

as conductor with the Union Traction Company of Philadelphia; he resigned that position and commenced farming at Beaver Springs, in which vocation he has been successful. Mr. Dreese was married to Miss Gertie Ulsh, of McClure, and one daughter, Pauline E., has been born to this union. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church and has served as deacon.

Deaths.

Dec. 26, 1891, Elizabeth, wife of William Swenk, aged 70 years, 3 months and 25 days.

Dec. 23, 1903, D. Banks Wetzel, at Wallingford, Pa., aged 53 years. Interment at this place.

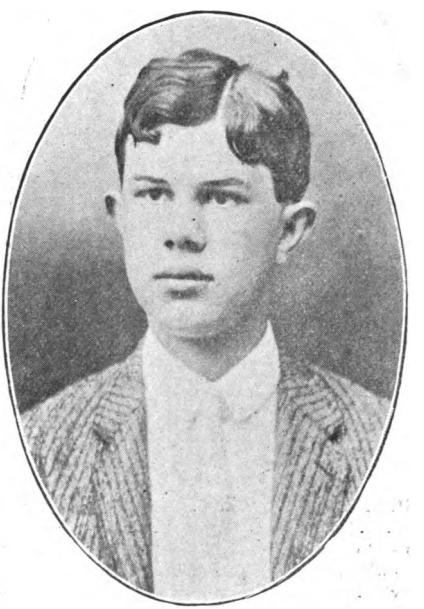
Nov. 2, 1903, at Grampian, Pa., Mollie, wife of John D. Haines, aged 29 years and 20 days. Interment at this place.

April 11, 1906, at Bixler, Perry Co., Pa., Henry Felker, a life-long resident of this place, aged 72 years, 6 months and 26 days.

Feb. 19, 1893, Calvin Bachman, aged 41 years, 1 month and 12 days.

ARTIE L. MOYER.

Mr. Moyer was born in Beaver Springs Jan. 6, 1891, his parents being Aaron and Lizzie Moyer. He attended public schools until thirteen years of age, when he went to work on the farm of N. P. Hare, one mile east of Middlecreek. Here he worked for two summers and in the winter attended school and did some trapping of animals. At the age of fifteen he went to work in the printing office where he was employed for about six



months. He went fishing one day and contracted a bad cold which confined him to the house for about a year and a half. He is not able to do hard work at present. He is a breeder of fancy pigeons.

Deaths.

May 26, 1891, Dr. James Greenhoe, aged 34 years, 7 months and 11 days.

June 15, 1891, Adam Specht, aged 77 years, 11 months and 11 days.

Oct. 6, 1891, Mrs. Daniel Alter, aged 73 years, 7 months and 19 days.

June 2, 1892, Samuel H. Stumpff, aged 32 years, 8 months and 16 days.

Mar. 24, 1891, Reuben Klose, aged 69 years, 6 months and 11 days.

Feb. 27, 1890, Elizabeth, wife of Adam Specht, aged 72 years, 9 months and 4 days.

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WILLIAM H. EWING.

Mr. Ewing was born March 19, 1843, in Tyrone township, Perry county, Pa. In September, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, 47th Regiment, Capt.

H. D. Woodruffs, colonel. He is a member of W. H. Byers' Post No. 612, G. A. R. Was married to Elmira, daughter of Abner Middleswarth, to which union have been born nine children, all living. He has always been a staunch Republican and has held the office of constable three years, supervisor for one year, overseer of the poor for four years and is serving his second year as school director of Spring township. Mr. Ewing has lived in Snyder county almost forty years.

WILLIAM S. MILLER.

Mr. Miller is a son of Jacob D. Miller and his wife Sallie Salome (nee Spangler), sister of our townsman, Jonathan Spangler, and was born June 10, 1858, in Limestone township, Union Co.; he was raised on a farm, got a common school education, taught seven terms public school; was married March 25th, 1880, to Sallie J. Herbster, daughter of Hiram Herbster of West Beaver township. After marriage he took to farming in Snyder and Mifflin counties. After the death of Mr. Herbster he bought the homestead farm of the heirs April 1st, 1898. Mr. Miller raised a family of three girls: Lizzie S., married to Palmer Dreese, now living in Cambria county; J. Estelle, married to Charles Long, of McClure, and Mary E., living at home. As the children

grew up and left home Mr. Miller concluded to stop farming in the spring of 1904, and purchased a property in Beaver Springs, where he now resides. He is a member of the Reformed church and has served as Sunday school superintendent for years.

Deaths.

June 22, 1895, Sarah, widow of Henry Smith, aged 76 years, 11 months and 4 days.

July 14, 1896, Elizabeth, wife of Reuben Felker, aged 57 years, 4 months and 10 days.

Aug. 24, 1898, Joel Gearhart, aged 63 years, 5 months and 25 days.

April 9, 1890, John D. Romig, aged 83 years, 7 months and 28 days.

Jan. 21, 1888, Laura, wife of Jacob C. Specht, aged 33 years, 11 months and 12 days. Interment at Beavertown.

Wheat and rye was threshed with the flail or tramped out by horses in the barn. I rode the horses in the barn until I was nearly frozen. It frequently took all winter to thresh out a crop and sometimes the crop was not threshed out entirely until the next crop was ripe. One man threshed rye for a "levy" a day and board. By this means he saved his boarding at home and earned 75 cents per week besides.—Thomas Shipton.

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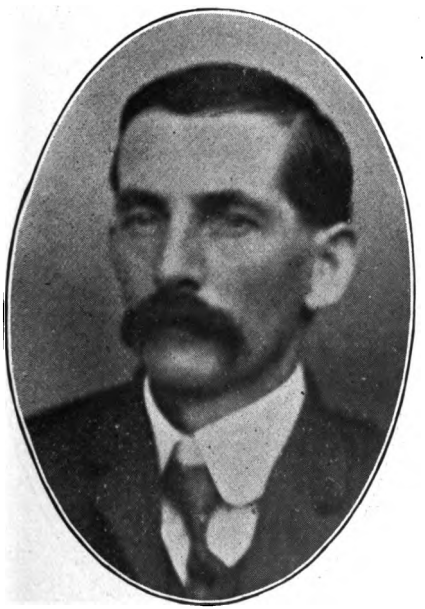
JESSE B. EWING.

Mr. Ewing was born April 23, 1868, and is a son of William H. and Elmira Ewing. He was reared on the farm of his parents. On the 22d day of December, 1891, he was married to Minnie Jane,



daughter of Anis U. Arbogast and wife. His wife was born Sept. 11, 1875. To this union have been born two children, Erman W. U. and Estella May. Mr. Ewing and wife are members of the United Evangelical church and are active workers therein. He resides on the old homestead at Manbeck's church, managing the farm; he is also a shipper of poultry and veal and sells fertilizers. Mr. Ewing has always taken a great interest in political affairs, and served one term as constable and one term as Republican county committeeman.

SAMUEL WERNER.

Mr. Werner was born Feb. 14, St. Valentine's Day, 1843, in York county, Pa. His father's name was Samuel and his mother was a Miss Miller. He lived with his parents until eight years of age then among strangers until he was eighteen years old. His parents then permitted him to start out for himself and he learned the cooper trade which he followed until he enlisted in the 1st Regt. Md. Veteran Cavalry, Co. E, on Feb. 21, 1864; served for eighteen months; killed two rebels while on vidette (and says he has been sorry ever since;) he doesn't know how many he killed while in general engagements; General Sheridan was his last general. He came home a mere skeleton, weighed only 96 pounds—before his weight was 160 pounds. After two years' recruit he left York county for Beaver Springs, at which place he has been lumbering nearly all the time. He belongs to Post 612 G. A. R. and 566 I. O. O. F. and has been drum major of the Beaver Springs military band for fifteen years.

About the year 1828 we had a vote for or against the free school system. There was some discussion among the people. One man said: "We don't know how to vote. Ner Middleswarth is in Harrisburg and don't come home to tell us how to vote." That day he came home, however, and told them how to vote. The result was that the Free School System carried by four votes in its favor.—Thomas Shipton.

Married.

June 8, 1864, by Rev. Shindel, Henry H. Laub to Louisa Shout, both of West Beaver.

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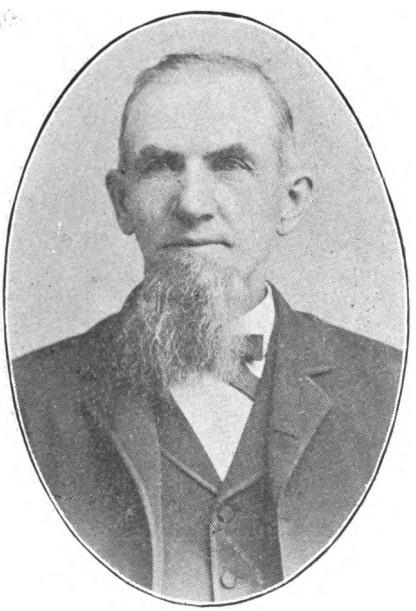
REUBEN DREESE.

Reuben Dreese, the subject of this sketch, is a son of Jacob and Catherine Dreese, whose maiden name was Smith. He was born in Beaver township (now Spring), Union county (now Snyder), on the 17th day of October, 1830. He resided under the parental roof until he was eighteen years old, then he served two years' apprenticeship under Samuel Kessler learning the blacksmith trade. He followed this trade for two years after serving his apprenticeship. Then in 1852 he united in wedlock with Miss Matilda Saltzman. This union was blessed with five children as follows: Allen, died in infancy; Milton, who arrived at manhood, died single; Lucy, died in infancy; Albright, married to Miss Annie Greenhoe, and lives in Beaver Springs; James, married to Mrs. Amelia Koch, widow of Henry Koch, and lives in Beaver Springs. In 1869 his wife died and in 1870 he married Mrs. Kate Barbin, whose maiden name was Steininger. This union was blessed with one child, namely Harry,



who died at the age of 22 years, single. After Mr. Dreese married the first time he engaged in farming until about the year 1886, when he retired. After his retirement he served one term as county treasurer and one term as high sheriff of Snyder county. He also filled different township offices and has been a member of the church council of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church of Beaver Springs for a period of nearly forty years and still is a member of the said council. He has served as trustee of the Adamsburg Cemetery Association since it was organized in 1892 to the present time.

GEORGE S. LEPLEY.

Mr. Lepley is a son of Simon and Katherine Lepley and was born Dec. 10, 1857, in (what is now) Spring township, Snyder county, Pa.; has lived in this township all his life with the exception of three years, when he resided in Adams township. He has always been engaged in farming. Mr. Lepley was married to Ellen S. Reitz Dec. 28, 1880. The following children have blessed this union: Virgie, Ira, Edwin and Effie. He is at present holding the office of constable of Spring township, which office he has held for eight years; served as Republican committeeman four years and as school director three years; is a member of the Evan. Lutheran church and has served as deacon of same six years; had been a member of the Knights of Golden Eagle of Beaver Springs.

Deaths.

June 29, 1898, Daniel Pontius, aged 72 years and 26 days.

July 9, 1898, William Swenk, aged 76 years, 1 month and 5 days.

July 14, 1899, Henry Getz, aged 68 years, 4 months and 16 days.

Oct. 23, 1900, Katie, daughter of Isaac Getz, aged 23 years, 1 month and 11 days.

June 24, 1893, Philip Manbeck, aged 50 years, 5 months and 10 days.

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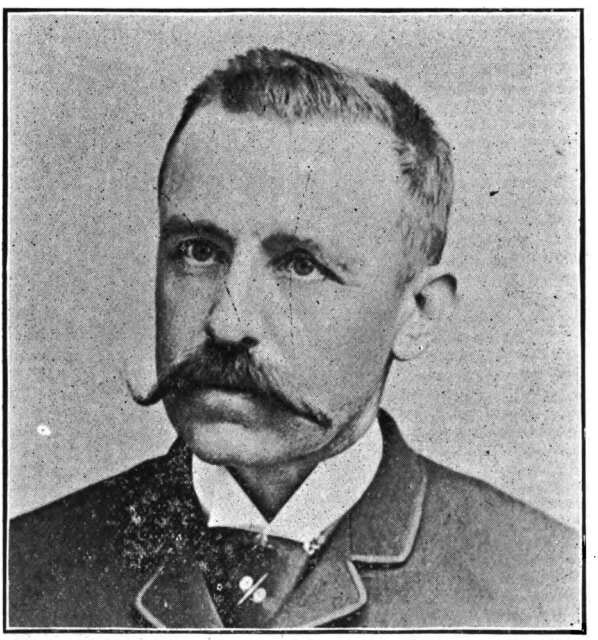
SAMUEL F. AURAND.

Mr. Aurand is a son of Isaac Aurand and wife Caroline (nee Robinson), and was born January 3, 1850, in Beaver township, Union county, Pa. Bachman and moved to Beaver Springs, in 1885, where he still resides and is following his trade as engineer and fireman. On January 30, 1870, he was married to Elenora E., daughter of John R. Stumpff and wife, Sarah (nee Oldt.) This



His early years were spent on his father's farm; when 18 years old he attended Freeburg Academy, after which he worked on the farm for his father until 22 years old. He then began farming for himself, which he continued for thirteen years, then bought the home of Samuel union has been blessed with four children, two sons and two daughters, viz: Ammon M., married to Jennie M. Helfrich; Sadie C., married to Jesse A. Catherman; Effie M., married to John A. Kearns, and Ambrose W., married to Hettie M. Hartley. He is at present engineer for the Aurand Printing and Publishing House, which position he has held for over six years.

When I was a young man there was no steam power of any kind known here. There was no railroad at Lewistown, but it was said that there was a horse railroad at Philadelphia. There were no telegraphs, telephones, sewing machines, baby carriages, no wash machines except wash rubbers made of roller, of which I made many myself. There were no postage stamps until about 1851 or 1852. Previous to that time letters were conveyed at varying rates according to distance. A letter to Missouri cost six cents while one near home cost five cents C. O. D. Many a man was irritated at paying five cents for a letter which turned out to be nothing but a valentine. Five cents represented one-tenth of a day's hard work, and was within one cent of enough to buy two drinks of whiskey. Carpets were a luxury at that time and not generally found in poor peoples' houses.—Thomas W. Shipman.

In the earlier days the chimney was started on the ground and built up through the house. Within the big chimney was a smaller receptacle for the purpose of holding pine knots which were lighted in the evening to give light for any work that had to be done after dark. The women would sit before this fire and do their spinning.—Andrew Ulsh.

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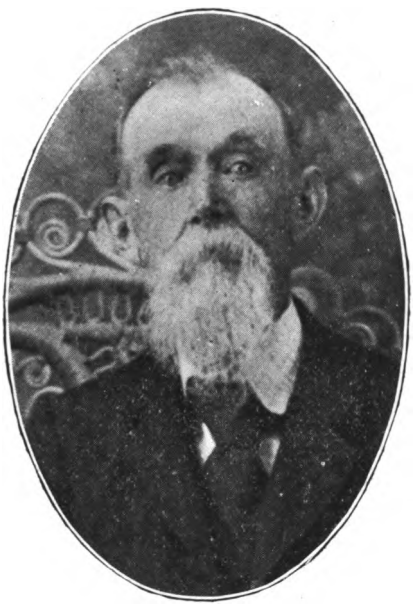
WILLIAM MARKLEY.

Mr. Markley was born in the house now occupied by him, near town, Nov. 10, 1836. His father's name was Philip, and his mother's name was



Rachel (nee Reager, a daughter of Adam Reager, founder of Beaver Springs). Mr. Markley was married to Lucy Saltzman Aug. 23, 1860, and seven children have been born to this union: Reuben, married to Minnie Rothermel; Sallie, married to John A. Rearick; Charles (deceased), married to Ellen Smith; Daniel, married to Ellen N. Wagner; one son, died in infancy; James, married to Nettie Sellers; Katie, died at the age of thirteen years. Mr. Markley has lived his entire life in the house where he now resides, a period of 70 years, and has followed farming all this time; has been a member of the I. O. O. F. and F. & A. M. and a member of the General Council Lutheran church. He remembers well many of the stirring events in the first half century of the town's history.

M. O. FELKER.

Mr. Felker was born June 11, 1866, at Dumontville, Ohio. His father was A. C. Felker, of Williamsport and his mother, Mary C. Ort, of Lewistown. Mr. Felker attended the Lewistown Academy and spent several years at Union Seminary, New Berlin. After leaving college he went east and entered the whip business; was connected with the Wells Whip Co., of Wellsville, Pa. In the year 1899 he organized the Chicora Whip Company, of which organization he was manager until he came to this place and

organized the Eidon Handle Co. This company is now engaged in making a new style of steel handles and whips on which there is a large and growing trade.

Hon. Ner Middleswarth's Large Family.

Mr. Middleswarth reared a large family, viz: John, Moses, Abraham, Aaron, Abner, Jacob, Polly, Mereb, Martha, Eliza, Sarah and Matilda. Matilda is the widow of Peter Riegel, and is the only survivor of the family. She resides in Spring township.

When I was in my nineteenth year I decided to cut a dash. I bought some broad cloth and hired a tailor to make me a coat; being the only young man that had an article of store clothes to wear I felt the dignity of my position. In the country it was customary for men and women to go barefooted, even in the stubbles in haying and harvest. About 1842 the first cook stoves—the old Hathaway—began to be introduced. They worked their way into favor very slowly, cooking being done in the old chimney corners.—Thomas Shipton.

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TOBIAS E. RIETZ.

Mr. Reitz was born in Upper Mahanoy township, Feb. 29, 1836, he was married to Mollie Garman, to which union eleven children were

born, seven of whom are living, viz: Milton, married to Libbie Knepp; Jerome, married to Chrissie Fisher; Ellen, married to George S. Lepley; Emma, married to Roswel Sechrist; Maggie, married to Harrison Stuck; Carrie, married to Ed. S. Manbeck; Martha, married to Ammon Swanger. Mrs. Reitz died and Mr. Reitz was married a second time to Sarah Garman, who is at present living with her husband at Beaver Springs. Hewas a member of Co.F, 210th Regt., Penna. Vols., in the Civil War and served his country until the end of the war. He is a member of Post No. 612 G. A. R. and also belonged to Selinsgrove Lodge of Free Masons and Richfield Lodge I. O. O. F. No.762 (now defunct.) He is a member of the General Council Lutheran church. The subject of this sketch has been engaged in the country mercantile business for about twelve years and followed farming at other times. He is still hearty at the age of 70 years.

Deaths.

Sept. 10, 1900, Sarah, wife of Lewis Helfrich, aged 64 years and seven months.

Nov. 19, 1901, Isaac Getz, aged 59 years, 3 months and 4 days.

May 21, 1905, Enoch Walter, aged 66 years, 2 months and 2 days.

Nov. 18, 1905, Paul Benfer, aged 85 years, 2 months and 14 days.

JOHN A. KEARNS.

Mr. Kearns was born Jan. 12, 1879, and is a son of John P. and Henrietta Kearns. He was married to Effie M. Aurand, daughter of S. F. Aurand and wife of this place, April 9, 1898, and resides at Beaver Springs. One son, Roland A., was born to this union and died when only six months old. Mr. Kearns was employed with the Aurand Printing House for several years and later engaged in the confectionery business. He is now

an extensive dealer in automobiles, motor cycles, bicycles, typewriters, all kinds of musical instruments, etc. He is a member of the Evan. Lutheran church of this place.

My recollections extend back to 1830 and beyond. Grain was cut by the use of the sickle. About twenty-five or thirty men, each with a sickle would go into a field of wheat and would cut ten or twelve acres a day. The boys were needed to carry water and whiskey. The whiskey was drank from the bottle. Raspberries were put into the bottle of whiskey and the man who could catch the greatest number of berries in his mouth was the hero of the occasion. But sometimes the hero would be compelled to lie on his back while the others did the work. The rule was to be in the field from sunrise to sunset, but some would make it from daylight until dark. For this work the pay was fifty cents per day and drinks.—Thomas Shipton.

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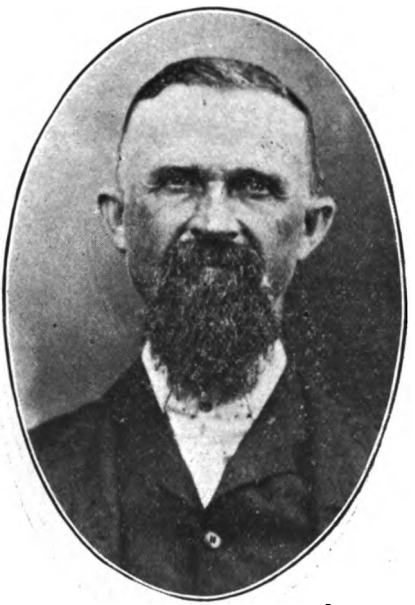
HENRY J. LEPLEY.

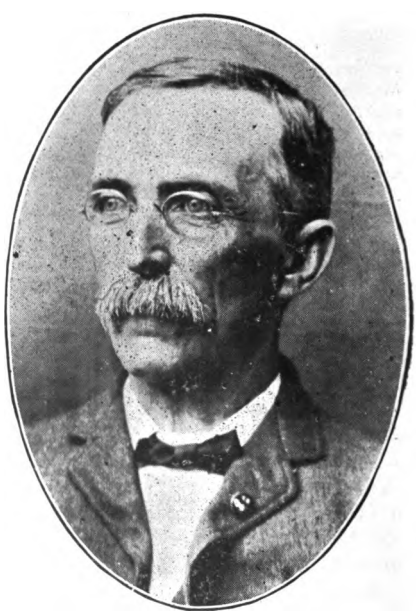
Mr. Lepley was born in what is now Spring township, on the 16th day of February, 1854, about one and one-half miles northwest of Beaver Springs on the old homestead owned by his



father, Simon Lepley, where he was raised to the age of nineteen years when his father died; he then went out working hireling for six years, one year of which he spent on the farm of Isaac Aigler in Ohio. In 1879 he was married to Lucy K., daughter of Daniel Snook, after which he bought the farm of Alexander Hommel, adjoining the old homestead where he began to farm; his mother, Catherine Lepley (nee Beaver), residing with him part of the time until 1902, when she died at the age of 87 years. He later bought the farm where he was raised from Robert McClellan which he farms at the present time. During this time the union was blessed with three children, two sons and one daughter, namely, Annie J., married in 1904 to Frank A. Benfer, son of John D. Benfer, of Beaver Springs, at which place they reside at the present time; Charles F., married in 1906 to Mabel Aumiller, daughter of Geo. Aumiller, of Spring township, and Erman E., ten years old, staying with his parents. Mr. Lepley is a stalwart Republican, has been assessor for a number of years which office he fills at the present time. He is also a member of the I.O.O.F. of this place and a member of the Evan. Lutheran church, where he has served as deacon.

HOWARD I. ROMIG.

Mr. Romig is a son of John D. and Elizabeth Romig. His mother was a daughter of Philip Rudy and wife; the latter's maiden name was Obermoyer. He was born Sept. 22, 1852, about three miles north of Beaver Springs and spent his early days on the farm. In 1870 he entered the Freeburg Academy; clerked for Isaac Beaver, of Middleburg, from May, 1871 to 1874; was married to Sybilla E., daughter of Isaac and Maria Beaver, on June 25, 1874, and this union has been blessed with four children, two boys and two girls, viz: Estella M., teacher; Spencer E., electrician, resides at Berwick; Myra P., stenographer and typewriter, employed by the P. & R. Co., at Milton, and Reide B., living at home. Mr. Romig is in the stove and tinware business extensively. He was assessor two terms before Spring township was formed; served as superintendent of the Lutheran Sunday school for 21 years, and leader of the choir for 25 years; in 1905 he requested a vacation as leader, which was granted; served two terms as deacon and 28 years as secretary of council and congregation; in 1887 was elected secretary of the Snyder county S. S. Association, to which office he has been elected yearly; became a member of the I.O.O.F. in 1892, and was instrumental in the institution of the Lodge at this place; was admitted to Grand Lodge at Altoona in 1894; held the office of D. D. G. M. for four successive terms; is a member of the Board of Directors of the Orphans' Home of Central Pennsylvania since it was organized; also assistant secretary and a member of committee of



property; was a delegate to the International S.S. Convention, which met at Toronto, Can., June, 1905. His grandfather was Solomon Romig, who was married to Mary Try, and his great-grandfather was Joseph Romig, formerly of Lancaster county.

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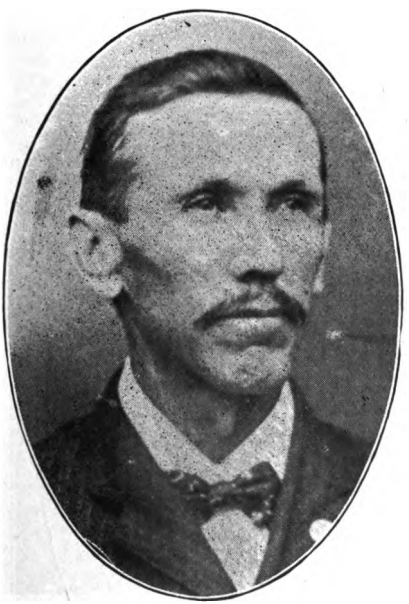
JAMES D. DREESE.

Mr. Dreese was born in Adamsburg Feb. 15, 1860, his father being Reuben Dreese and mother, Matilda Saltzman. He was married Dec. 20, 1881, to Laura E. Stroup, which union was blessed with two daughters, Mary and Carrie. His wife died and he was married the second time to Emma E. Stroup, who also departed for the spirit world. On Dec. 6, 1899, Mr. Dreese united with Mrs. Amelia E. Koch, with whom he resides, together with his younger daughter Carrie. His daughter Mary is married to William Gilbert, a passenger brakeman and resides at Sunbury.



Mr. Dreese followed farming for twenty-two years. He is a Past Grand member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and a member of the Evan. Lutheran church in which he has served as deacon.

The family would also slice and dry a great amount of apples. They sometimes had as high as a hundred bushels of "snits" on the garret. These they could sell at fifteen cents a pound.—Abram Middleswarth.

The first settlers occupied the poor lands because the better grade of land would require more work to get it under cultivation. Lumber and wood had no value. Logs were piled up in heaps and burned.—Thomas Shipton.

PETER F. RIGEL.

Mr. Rigel is a son of Peter and Matilda (nee Middleswarth) Rigel, and was born in West Beaver township, Snyder Co., Pa., Oct. 20th, 1859;

was reared on a farm, and married Dec. 27, 1883, to Lizzie E., daughter of Henry and Matilda (nee Helfrich) Hassinger and has seven children: Charles F., Annie M., Carrie M., Roy A., Jay A., William McKinley and Norman H. Mr. Rigel followed farming up to March, 1890, when he went into the mercantile business and in February, 1891, was elected general agent for the Beavertown Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which position he still holds. In 1899 he was a candidate for Associate Judge at the Republican primary; on the 13th of May he received the nomination and in November of the same year was elected. He was nominated and elected for the second term in the year 1904, which office he still holds. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A. and the I. O. O. F., in which order he holds the office of Vice Grand.

In those days the neighbors would gather together at the house where the deceased lay and spend the night in singing, etc. Before the funeral used to leave the house some one would pass bread and whiskey around among the guests and a general invitation was extended to return and partake of a big feast.—Sophia Arbogast.

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HON. A. M. SMITH, M. D.

A. M. Smith, M. D., of Beaver Springs, Snyder county, who has been in successful practice for more than thirty-five years, might well be content with the professional honors he has won, yet he has an equally prominent place in other lines

of effort, being a leading capitalist, business man and politician of his locality. He has an enviable record as a soldier also, having entered the Union army as a boy of seventeen and served until the close of the war. Dr. Smith was born Feb. 25, 1846, the eldest son of John S. Smith and his wife Martha Middleswarth, daughter of Hon. Ner Middleswarth, one of Snyder county's most distinguished citizens. The Doctor was reared upon a farm and began his education at Riegel's school house, John Doon being his first teacher. Although his father's educational privileges had been limited, or perhaps for that very reason, he determined to give his children the best advantage possible, and in order to encourage the teachers in this locality he boarded them at his home without charge. When but twelve years old the Doctor entered Union Seminary at New Berlin, Pa., and before he was seventeen he took charge of a school at Port Ann, Pa. In February, 1864, he interrupted his studies to enlist in Company I, 49th P. V. I. and he saw some severe fighting during his term of service. His first battle was the engagement in the Wilderness, and July of 1864 was spent in the Shenandoah Valley. The regiment then went to Petersburg, and after taking part in the operations there, went to Richmond and was present at Lee's surrender. The Doctor was wounded on April 2,

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1865, in a charge, and in a number of battles he showed unusual bravery, for which he was promoted in the spring of 1865 to the rank of corporal. At the close of the war he returned home and resumed his studies in a school at Selinsgrove, known as the Missionary Institute, now Susquehanna University, where he spent two years and graduated in 1868. That year he began the study of medicine with Dr. I. B. Conrad, of Beavertown, and in the fall of the same year he entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1870. Since that time he has been in active practice in Beaver Springs, meeting with marked success from the start. During twenty-five years of this time he has been a physician for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and he takes a high place in the various professional organizations, being a member of the American Medical Association, a permanent member of the State Medical Society, and a member of the Snyder Co. Medical Society His sound judgment in business affairs is widely recognized and he is a director in the Beavertown Mutual Fire Insurance Company and has been vice president for many years. He owns a one-half interest in a hotel and business block in Adamsburg. He also operates some iron ore deposits near Adamsburg, furnishing employment to a number of men. A few years ago he built the finest brick residence in Adamsburg, and his real estate holdings include some excellent farm lands, besides an interest in a tract of pine land in Florida. The Doctor was married to Miss Alwilda Stetler, of Beavertown, a daughter of Geo. Stetler, and they had one son, Charles G., who in 1897, graduated from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia and is now enjoying an extensive and lucrative practice at the home of his birth. On March 14, 1882, Mrs. Smith passed to the unseen life, and the Doctor has since married Miss Carrie Specht, of Beaver Springs, the daughter of J. W. Specht. Dr. Smith and his wife are prominent in social life and both are active members of the Lutheran church. Fraternally, the Doctor is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is a charter member and for seven years served as Commander; and the Masonic Order—the Blue Lodge at Middleburg, the Commandery at Lewistown and the Scottish Rite at Harrisburg. Jovial, liberal and public-spirited, Dr. Smith has a host of friends, including the leading citizens of his locality. His influence is solicited in aid of every movement in his community and he is especially active in politics. In January, 1898, he was nominated in his county for the State Legislature, defeating W. W. Wittenmyer, having a majority of 447, and out of 235 votes cast in his township he received 223 of same. In 1900 he was re-elected to the State Legislature from Snyder county. He has served as a member of the State Soldiers' Orphans' Home Commission for four years, and is now serving his fourth consecutive term as State Medical Director of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Pennsylvania, an honor that shows the esteem in which the Doctor is held by his comrades throughout Pennsylvania. Dr. Smith has been pension examiner for Snyder county. It was mostly through his efforts that in October, 1897, the board was appointed, for which he has the thanks of the old veterans of the county.

Dr. A. M. Smith's Grove—Where the Centennial Celebration Took Place September 6, 7, and 8, 1906.

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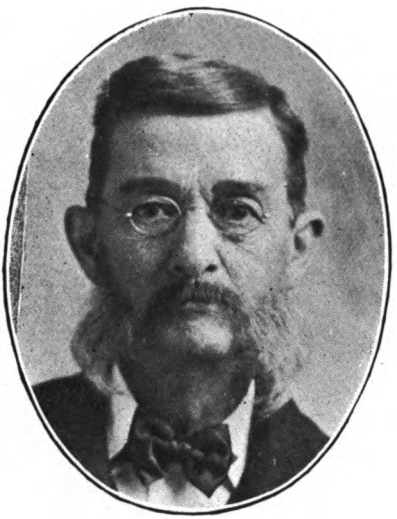
JAMES H. LONG.

Mr. Long was born one mile northwest of Adamsburg, now Beaver Springs, Jan. 18, 1846. When 22 years of age he engaged with B. L.



Raudenbush, as clerk in his store. In 1869 he resigned and went to Troxelville to clerk for Joseph S. Ulsh and in 1870 he went to Penns Creek to clerk for Jacob Aurand. In 1872 J. W. Specht bought Aurand's stock and Mr. Long then clerked for Mr. Specht about one year. In 1873 he was married to Martha E. Sanders, a daughter of H. K. Sanders. This union was blessed with four children, two sons and two daughters: Annie May, who died when two years old; Warren E., died when twenty-three years old; Charles C., now living at McClure, married to J. Estella Miller, a daughter of W. S. Miller, of Beaver Springs; which union is blessed with one daughter, Miriam May; Katie Florence, now living at Lewistown, married to Lester A. Dreese, a son of Isaac Dreese, of Lewistown. On the last day of January, 1898, Mr. Long entered the mercantile business at Crossgrove with H. F. Long, from Penns Creek, as partner. After doing business for two years they dissolved partnership and the subject of this sketch then carried on the business until the 23d of September, 1904. About noon on that day the dwelling house caught fire and destroyed everything he had with the exception of a few articles. He was postmaster while at Crossgrove. Mr. Long belongs to the great brotherhood, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having joined the order in 1868, and is a Past Grand. He is a member of the Lutheran church and resides at Beaver Springs.

JAMES W. SPECHT.

Mr. Specht is a son of Adam and Elizabeth Specht and was born Aug. 28, 1844. He was raised at and around our village, working at home and attending our common schools up to the fall of 1853, when he taught school that winter and in the spring of 1864 went to Springfield, Ills., enlisted in the Second Illinois Cavalry and went to the front, where he served until Nov. 27, 1865, where he was mustered out of service at San Antonio, Texas. He came back to Springfield, Ills., was paid and got his discharge Jan. 6, 1866, arrived home Jan. 9th and started to clerk for Henry Houser; was married June 21, 1868, to Miss Elvina Bobb, daughter of Reuben Bobb and wife, of Beavertown, to which union was born two daughters, Carrie E. and Nettie C. Carrie is married to Dr. A. M. Smith and Nettie to A. H. Siegfried. Mr. Specht continued to clerk for Mr. Houser up to 1873, when he went to Centreville that fall and entered the mercantile business; was there until the fall of 1878; then came back to Adamsburg and started in business here, in which he continued until 1897. In that year he

was appointed assistant postmaster by A. M. Aurand, postmaster, and served as such until April 3, 1906, when he received the appointment of postmaster, Mr. Aurand resigning the position on account of other pressing business, and he now holds that position.

Died.

March 7, 1901, Polly, widow of John D. Romig, aged 84 years, 4 months and 18 days.

Died.

August 1, 1903, Charles, son of Spencer and Nettie Romig, aged 2 years, 9 months and 29 days.

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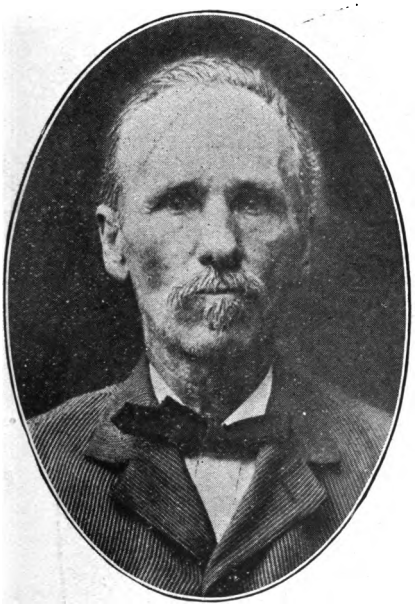
WILSON DREESE.

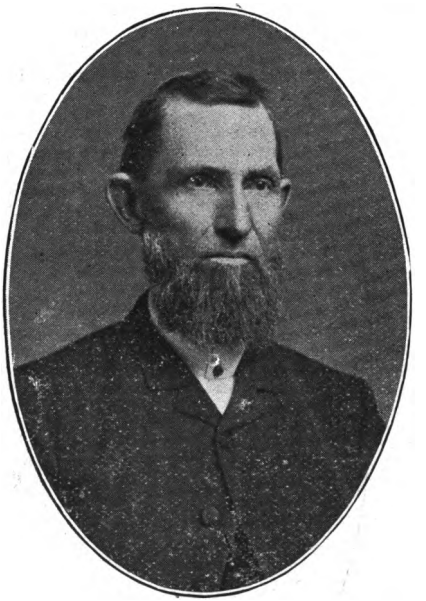
Mr. Dreese was born April 4, 1847, his parents being Jacob and Catherine (nee Hoffman-Dreese. He learned blacksmithing while a boy and has



followed this trade all his life time. For twenty-one years he carried on the business at Troxelville and for the last fifteen years at Beaver Springs. On April 24, 1870, he was married to Jutie A. Ocker, daughter of Jonathan Ocker, and this union was blessed with one daughter, Gertrude F., who was married to Jacob A. Wagner on Sept. 28, 1897, and one son, Park D., has been born to them.

GEORGE BILGER.

Mr. Bilger is a son of Isaac Bilger and his wife Elizabeth, daughter of George Bechtol, and was born March 21, 1833, at Middleburg, Union county, Pa., where he was reared. In the spring of 1854 he went to Ohio; in the fall of the same year he returned and made his home at Beaver Springs, Pa., and worked at the wagon making trade. He was married to Miss Charlotte Hommel, August 7, 1856, and moved to Beavertown and worked at the same trade until 1862. He was then called into the service of his country for nine months and served full time; came home in 1863, and in 1864 he enlisted for another year and was wounded at the battle at Hatcher's Run. He was brought to the Emory hospital, Washington, D. C., where he spent five months under treatment. He was then discharged on disability a few days before Lee's surrender. In the spring of 1868 he moved on the farm ¾ mile north of Beaver Springs and followed farming until the fall of 1888, when he moved to Beaver Springs for retirement. He joined the Reformed church at Middleburg, Pa., in 1852 and is still an active member. He was an officer of said church, either deacon or elder, for a period of 35 years. He served as superintendent and teacher in the Sunday school for quite a number of years. In township offices he served as school director and overseer of the poor for a number of years. He



is a member of Wm. H. Byers' Post, G. A. R. No. 612. This family was blessed with five children, 2 sons and 3 daughters, namely: Charles M., deceased; James F., deceased; Jennie E., Annie C., married to Charles C. Gross; Mollie R., deceased, married to John D. Haines.

David Brown conducted a tailor shop here for nearly 20 years and then moved to Lebanon, Pa., where he died several years ago.

Robert R. Long conducted a foundry here on the premises now owned by William B. Woodling. He did a good business; afterwards sold out and moved to Gettysburg, Pa., where he operated successfully a steam laundry for quite a number of years. Later his son Murray took charge of the plant there and Mr. Long has recently erected a fine large plant at Lewistown, Pa., where he is meeting with much success.

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JAMES F. RAUDENBUSH.

Mr. Raudenbush was born July 8th, 1857, in Patterson, Pa.; his father, Benjamin L. Raudenbush, was born Dec. 2, 1829, in Brownsburg township, Schuylkill county, Pa., and his mother Maria M. Madenford, was born Aug. 12th, 1836, in the same township. They were married July 27th, 1854. The subject of this sketch was married to Eliza J. Mohney, July 16th, 1876, and six children have blessed the union, viz: Joseph Clayton (died in infancy); Mary M., married to J. F. Youngman; Lizzie D., married to R. A. Deriest; Florence A., Benj. L. and James F., at home. Mr. Raudenbush is a member of Masonic Lodge No. 145 of Buena Vista, Va., having spent twenty-two years in the state of Virginia in the manufacture of leather. Having made a fortune there, he returned to his old home in Pennsylvania on Oct. 15th, 1905, and lives a retired life here. His father was the Hon. Benj. L. Raudenbush, and was a prominent citizen of the town a third of a century ago, as a merchant, postmaster, hotel keeper and owner of a tannery, etc. He also belonged to the Masonic and Odd Fellows' Orders.

An oil mill was operated many years ago on what is now W. H. Reigel's farm, a few rods west of the present dwelling house, in a stone building, where linseed oil was made from flax seed. It was run by water power.

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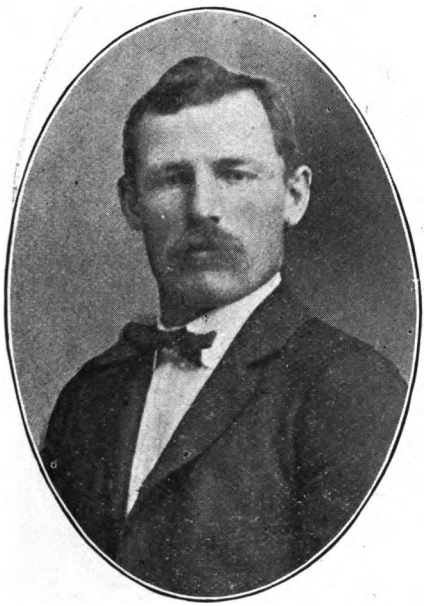
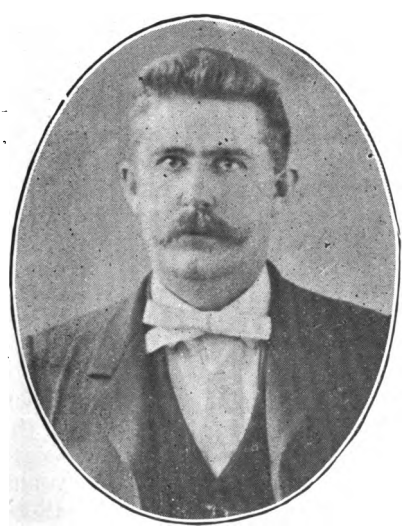
CITIZENS OF BEAVER SPRINGS

CHARLES H. WAGNER.

Mr. Wagner was born at Beavertown Dec. 23, 1866, and was married to Mollie E. Sellers, June 24, 1888, to which union was born three children:



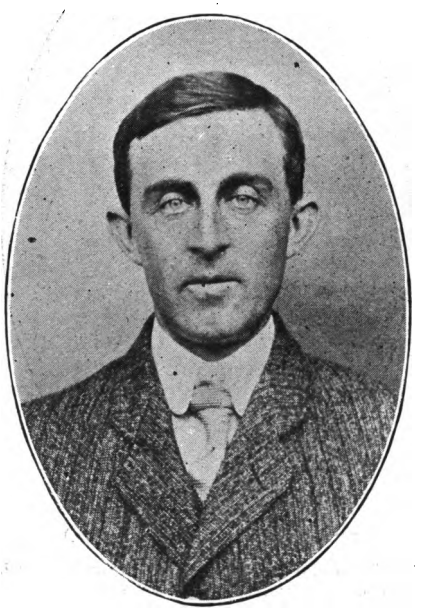
Raymond R., Irma G. and Carrie L. The family are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Wagner is a son of Henry and Caroline Wagner and is one of eight children. His wife is a daughter of Samuel Sellers. He is a successful farmer of the community.



O. C. BOWERSOX,
Telegraph operator for P. R. R. Co., at Beaver Springs, Pa.

DR. CHARLES G. SMITH.

Dr. Smith was born January 13, 1875, his parents being Dr. A. M. Smith and wife, Alvilda G., (nee Stetler), and has resided in Beaver Springs all his life, having been engaged in the practice of medicine here for over nine years. The doctor is very popular and enjoys an extensive and lucrative practice. He attended Gettysburg College for three years, 1891-94, and graduated from the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, May



14, 1897; passed the State Board June 23, 1897. Dr. Smith is a member of the Snyder County Medical Society; the Medical Society of Pennsylvania; Free Masons; Sons of Veterans, and S. A. E. Fraternity. He is unmarried.

A pearl button factory was in operation a short distance north of where Samuel Sellers' house now stands. It was run by John Hartley, father of William H. Hartley, of McClure.

Isaac Keller conducted a match factory on the farm of W. H. Riegel. It was located directly opposite Mr. Riegel's present farm house. Sulphur matches were made there, and were peddled out by a man named Reese, with a small hand wagon. Later, this factory was conducted by Levi Barger, and Keller operated a factory of the same kind in the house now owned by John A. Haines.

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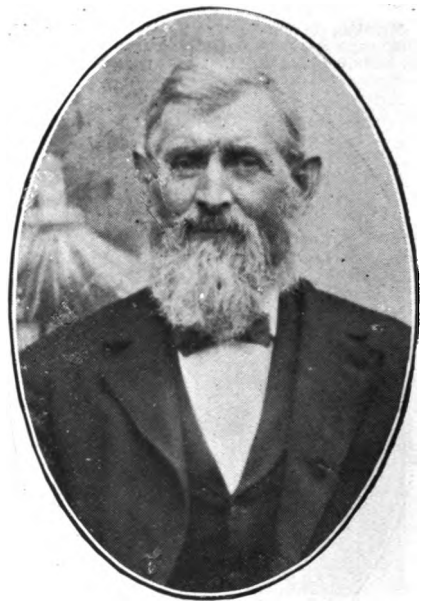
REV. JACOB KEMPFER AND SON, J. O. KEMPFER.

Rev. Jacob Kempfer was born in Shenandoah county, Va., in the year 1800. His father came from the district of Hanover, in Germany, during

REV. JACOB KEMPFER (DECEASED.)

the Revolutionary War. He prepared himself for the ministry at the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg and was ordained in 1832. He served congregations in Rowan county, N. C.; York county, Pa.; Cumberland county, Pa.; Carroi county, Md.; and again in York county, Pa. In the fall of 1860 he took charge of the Lutheran congregations in Snyder county, at Beaver Springs, Black Oak Ridge, Samuel's and Stroup's churches. The last is in Mifflin county. Since then some of his family have been more or less connected with the history of Beaver Springs. Two of his sons, Samuel O. and Charles A., married Snyder county women. His son, J. O., married in York county, but is more closely connected with the place than the other two. He has been a constant resident of the vicinity of Beaver Springs since 1867, and was not absent from the place more than two years since the spring of 1861, when he saw it for the first time. Their family has grown up among the younger inhabitants of Beaver Springs, but only three reside here at present.

Rev. Jacob Kempfer died in January, 1879, and is buried in the old cemetery. David H. Kempfer, his youngest son, lies close to him, having died of fever contracted in the War of the Rebellion. He was one of the volunteers of Beaver Springs.



J. O. KEMPFER.

The Town Schools in 1906.

For 1906 the school directors of Spring township are Henry H. Laub, Sr., Harrison Schrader, William H. Ewing, William A. T. Ulsh, Charles E. Keller and William I. Woodling.

The teachers of the town schools for the term of 1906-'07 are: Advanced, Elmer E. Wetzel (of Beavertown); Intermediate, James F. Keller; Primary, Estelle M. Romig.

The average attendance of the schools during January, 1906, was:

Advanced, males 17; females 29; total 43.

Intermediate, males 14; females 16; total 33.

Primary, males 12; females 18; total 30.

We are proud to say that our town schools compare favorably with the schools of our sister towns and neighboring counties. Many of our young men who fill responsible positions and professions today have laid the foundation of their education in the Public Schools of Beaver Springs.

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FREDERICK RAUGHT, JR.

Mr. Raught is a son of Frederick Raught, Sr., and his wife, Elizabeth, and was born April 2, 1845, on a farm two miles west of town. He is of German descent, his father having immigrated

to this country from Germany. Mr. Raught learned the trade of a blacksmith, afterwards clerked in the general store of B. L. Raudenbush. He was married to Sallie Pontius, a daughter of Daniel Pontius, June 6, 1869, and then followed farming for an occupation. There were born to this union six daughters. He is a member of St. Peter's Evan. Lutheran church, of which he has served as deacon. He also served one term as supervisor of Spring township. He now resides in town and is a respected and enterprising citizen.

FRED W. GUNDRUM.

Mr. Gundrum was born July 20, 1868, and is a son of Samuel and Amelia Gundrum. He was married to Tudie Goss, daughter of John O. and Amanda Goss, on the 24th of January, 1892, and to this union five children were born: Charles, John, Paul, Mabel and George. George died in infancy. Mr. Gundrum was engaged in farming at Bannerville for eleven years and then came back to his former home, where he went into the lumber business with J. O. Klingler; then sold his interest and bought the coal yard and grain warehouse from A. Kreeger, where he is now engaged in the coal, feed and grain business.

Died.

Feb. 19, 1891, Catherine, wife of Paul H. Knepp, aged 43 years, 7 months and 9 days.

HENRY C. LEPLEY.

Mr. Lepley was born Dec. 25, 1869, Christmas day, his parents being Michael and Elizabeth Lepley. He resides on his farm two and one-

half miles north of Beaver Springs; his occupation having been farming all his life. He was married to Mary Susanna Baumgardner Oct. 6, 1902.

FRED W. GUNDRUM.

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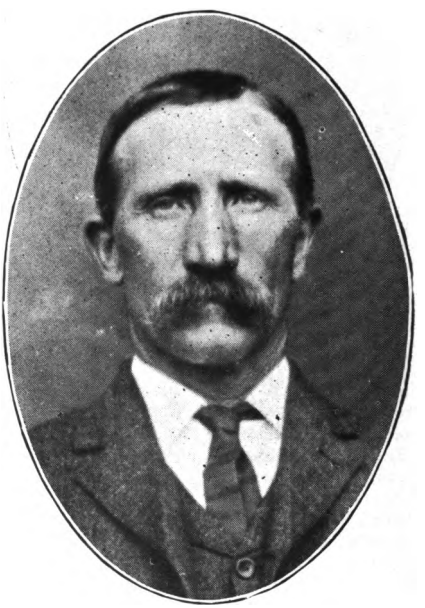
CHARLES H. GETZ.

Mr. Getz was born March 25, 1859, in Beaver Springs, formerly Adamsburg, and is a son of David and his wife, Mary Getz, (nee Lepley); was married to Sarah Bilger, Aug. 3, 1882. This union was blessed with six children: Cuba E., Margaret R., Sylvia V., John D., LoEmma P., and Charles W. Mr. Getz is a member of the Evan. Lutheran church of Beaver Springs and was a charter member of Adamsburg Lodge No. 566 I. O. O. F. He has been engaged as one of the special police officers for Centennial week, 1906, and appears here in his uniform.

Pharus Romig conducted a watch repairing shop here for about 30 years.

FRANK P. DECKER.

Mr. Decker was born at Middleburg, Sept. 29, 1857, his parents were Wm. S. and Sarah Decker, and when one year old his parents bought the farm where Jesse B. Ewing now resides, where they lived nine years and then moved to McClure long before McClure was founded. He worked on the farm and at the age of twenty-one years was married to Margaret Krebs, to which union were born five children: Curtin M., Beulah E., Mary E., Cotta R., Rhoda C. After starting in life for himself he moved to his father's farm one-half mile west of the old homestead farm and farmed there for fifteen years. In 1893 he bought a stave mill and run that in connection with farming for one year, then went into the mercantile business at McClure, which firm was named Herbster & Decker, for two years; after that followed the nail keg stave business under the name of Decker & Ulsh, operated at Hublersburg, Centre county, Pa., for one year, when he sold the farm at McClure and bought the Isaac Smith farm at Beaver Springs, which he now owns. He came to Beaver Springs in 1898, having farmed this farm for five years and then followed the nail keg stave business, in which he is now engaged. Mr. Decker is a member of the Evan. Lutheran church and is one of the road supervisors of Spring township.



Among the shoemakers of the town were David Getz, Sr., Isaac Getz, John Getz, Edward Coleman, Eph Dreese, Samuel J. Gundrum, Eph Romig, H. O. Smith, Jacob Haffley.

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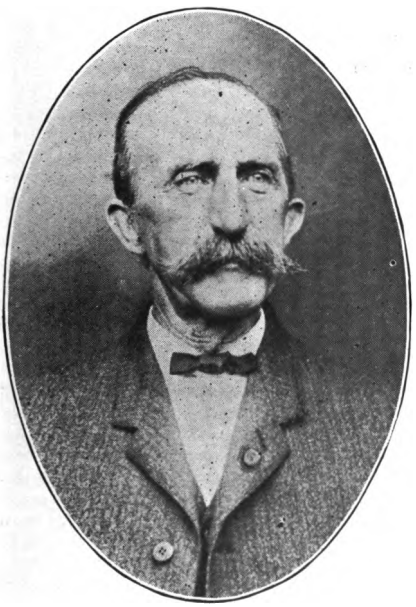
PAUL H. KNEPP.

Mr. Knepp is a great grandson of Philip Knepp, and on his mother's side a great grandson of Joseph Romig; a grandson of Henry Knepp, Sr., and his wife Eve (nee Spiglemyer), who were of German descent, and on his mother's side a grandson of Henry Romig and his wife Elizabeth (nee Ritter) and a son of Henry Knepp, Jr., and his wife Catherine (nee Romig). Henry Knepp, Sr., moved from Berks county, Pa., to Musser's Valley on the farm now owned by Philip J. Ocker, known as the Good farm about one hundred years ago. Then he took up a tract of land one and one-half miles north of Middlecreek P. O., originally three hundred and fifty acres, erected a log house one and one-half



stories high, which in after years was made a two-story log house. He was born 1759 and died 1846, and both are buried in the St. John's cemetery, Black Oak Ridge. Henry Romig owned and occupied a farm one mile east of Fisher's mill, which came in the possession of his son, Jonathan Romig, and is now owned and occupied by his grandson, Alex. A. Romig. He and his wife died in old age and are both buried in the St. John's cemetery. Part of the farm came in possession of Henry Knepp, Jr., by purchase, in the year 1837, and in 1852 he built a large frame house which is in good condition at the present day. He was born in the year 1799, and died the 7th day of November, 1875. His wife was born 1798 and died Sept. 18, 1880, and were burled in the St. Paul's cemetery at the Ridge. In the year 1872 the homestead came in possession of the subject of this sketch by purchase and was in his possession for a period of thirty years. He was born Sept. 17, 1842, and raised on the old homestead and his occupation was farming. The homestead was in the possession of the Knepp family about one hundred years and is now owned by James W. Klingler. The subject of this sketch attended subscription school when about six years old in an old log house formerly occupied as a dwelling, situated a short distance east of Moyer's (now Greenhoe's) school house, and the following year Moyer's school house was erected; attended public school there; also attended school at the Missionary Institute at Selinsgrove, now known as Susquehanna University, for two terms; taught school one term in the years 1866-67. He was married to Miss Kate E. Smith, daughter of Jacob and Sophia (nee Braucher) Smith, on the second day of May, 1867. His wife was born July 10, 1846, and there were born unto them one son and two daughters: Carrie E., born Nov. 16, 1869, died May 21, 1872; Homer, born Aug. 22, 1875, died March 26, 1876, and are buried in St. Paul's cemetery at the Ridge. The mother followed the children to the spirit world on the 19th day of February, 1891, and is buried at the above named place. Gertie S., who was born Jan. 12, 1878, is married to C. K. Croft and resides at Berwick. The subject of this sketch is a member of the St. Paul's Lutheran church in West Beaver township. He became a resident of this town in the year 1883, built a house in the same year and still occupies the same. He held the office of assessor for a period of ten successive years and was appointed census enumerator in the year 1900. He was a soldier of the late Civil War, enlisted Aug. 6, 1862, in Co. F, 131st Regt. P. V., commanded by Capt. Ryan, who was killed at the battle of Fredricksburg, Dec. 13, 1862, and in this service was engaged in three bloody battles: Antietam, Fredricksburg and Chancellorsville and was discharged the 22nd day of May, 1863, by reason of expiration of term of service; he was first sergeant of Capt. David Mitchell's company, Independent Guards of Pennsylvania Militia, enrolled on the June 29th, 1863, to serve three months and was discharged Sept. 2, 1863, by order of Gov. Curtin. He was enrolled as a private in Capt. L. C. Edmonds' company on the 27th day of August, 1864, but was elected by the members of the company as second lieutenant. The election was held in the court house at Middleburg, Aug. 29. He therefore had to be discharged as a private by reason of promotion to second lieutenant of Co. I, 184th Regt. P. V., and was mustered into the service as second lieutenant the 12th day of September, 1864, and was wounded in the face while on duty on the picket line in front of Petersburg on the 4th day of October, 1864, and on the 12th day of January he was promoted to first lieutenant by reason of the wounding and discharge of the first lieutenant, Michael Smith, in this service; took part in the battle of Boyton Road, Hatcher's Run and in the storming of the Rebel works in front of Petersburg and on to the surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee at Appomatox. He is a member of Wm. H. Byers' Post G. A. R. and held the office of commander for two years, and officer of the day for two terms, which office he holds at the present time.

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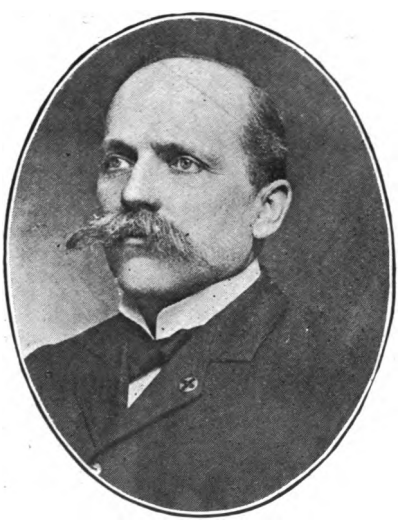
J. O. WAGNER, M. D.

"All lives that are in the best sense worth the living," says a well known writer, "are so by being true to their own popularity. There is undoubtedly a certain line of life, a certain definite, however dimly defined, path predestined for each, and that achievement which we are accustomed to call success is simply the result of the vision that sees, and the energy that follows this hidden but divine leading." In the success attending this well known physician and surgeon, who for years has been a leading practitioner at Beaver Springs, Snyder county, we see an illustration of this truth. So strong was his desire to follow the direction of his special gifts that he turned from the offer of a certain competence of a farmer, and making his own way through college entered his chosen profession. Dr. Wagner was born June 9th, 1855, in Jackson township, Snyder county, near Kratzerville, where his father, Y. H. Wagner, still resides, he being the oldest justice of the peace in Snyder county, having held his commission since 1862 up to the present time. He held the office of school director for eleven years and was active in military affairs; before the war he having served as first lieutenant after serving three years as a private in a company of State militia. The Doctor's mother, whose maiden name was Susanna Hehn, was a daughter of that well known pioneer, Capt. John Hehn. The Doctor attended school in Kratzerville, and although his opportunities were inferior to those of the present day, he made such good use of them that before he was sixteen he was prepared to teach, his first school being in the Brouse school house in his native township. He was always devoted to his studies and more than once his close application to his books caused illness. After teaching for a short time he pursued his studies in Prof. Noetling's select school at Selinsgrove and thus prepared for better work as a teacher. He then secured a school at Kratzerville and while there began to read medicine with Dr. P. Herman, as from childhood he had a desire to enter the medical profession. His father did not sympathize with this ambition, as he desired our subject, being the only son, to take the farm, and consequently had to make his own living while carrying out his plan; hence, before entering medical college he taught several terms near Middlecreek, in West Beaver township, as well as in Evendale, in an independent school district. In the fall of 1877 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., and after one term was obliged to resume the work of teaching in order to replenish his pocketbook. By close economy he managed to save enough in one year of teaching to take him through another term at college and on March 3d, 1880, he received his degree of M.D., having completed a full course. It happened that his preceptor was ill with pneumonia at the time, and during March, April and May, 1880, our subject took charge of his practice at Kratzerville. On Aug. 2d, 1880, he located at Beaver Springs, and being an entire stranger, failure was freely predicted for him, but he succeeded from the start, notwithstanding the fact that the most difficult cases in the locality were given him, including chronic ailments, pronounced hopeless by others. Success in these brought him new patients, and at the present time he enjoys an extensive and lucrative practice, which is solely due to his own skill and ability. He now makes a specialty of diseases of women and chronic ailments in which he is very successful. He allows nothing to take his attention from his work, and in addition to his practice he has, since 1889, been interested in the drug business. On July 3, 1889, the State Pharmaceutical Examining Board granted him a certificate as a registered pharmacist. In the early years of his practice he carried on dentistry, but at present does nothing in that line but extract teeth. He married Miss Mary E. Gross, of Beavertown, a daughter of Christian and Mary (Benfer) Gross, and one child, Otto G., born Nov. 22, 1889, brightens their home and is now attending school at Susquehanna University. The Doctor owns a pleasant residence in Beaver Springs, an excellent farm of fifty-six acres in the same vicinity, and another of one hundred and fifty acres in West Beaver township on which he is building a new farm house at present. He also owns the Henry Smith property in Beaver Springs, which is one of the most pleasant homes in the town. Dr. Wagner, his wife and son are prominent members of the Reformed church, of which he is an elder and secretary of the Joint Consistory; he is a charter member of Beaver Springs Castle No. 423, K.G.E., in which he was past chief and served six or seven terms as M. of R. As might be supposed, he is identified with the various professional organizations, and he belongs to the Snyder County Medical Society, in which he was for a number of years secretary and treasurer, succeeding Dr. J. Y. Shindel. He is also a permanent member of the State Medical Society.



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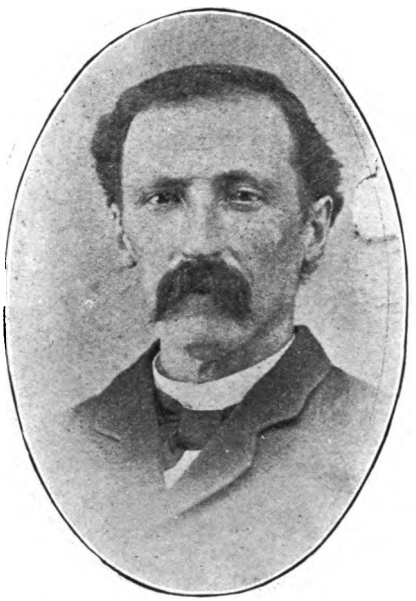
LEONARD JACKSON MANBECK.

Mr. Manbeck was born in Beaver (now Spring) township, one mile northwest of Adamsburg, April 28, 1840, his parents being Henry and Polly

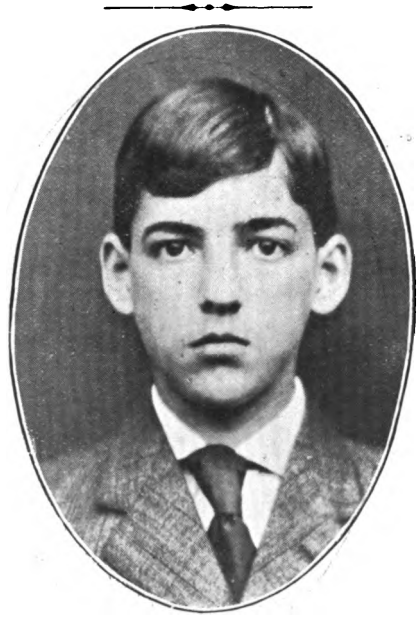


Manbeck. He was married Aug. 4, 1867, to Melina, daughter of Paul Benfer, which union was blessed with four children: Ammon E., Nathan L., Verdie M., and Clyda J. Mr. Manbeck is a member of the United Evangelical church, having held different offices, including steward and trustee; was also overseer of the poor for a number of years in Spring township; was a charter member of Beavertown Lodge I. O. O. F. He was raised on a farm and carried on farming for about thirty-five years, and is now living at Beaver Springs. He was a soldier in the Civil War and is a member of the G. A. R. Post at Beaver Springs.

the Selinsgrove lodge I. O. O. F., and was also a member of the P. O. S. of A. camp of this town, (now defunct).

EPHRAIM ROMIG.

Mr. Romig is a son of Samuel and Mary Romig, a grandson of Solomon Romig and a great-grandson of Samuel Romig, Sr. He was born Sept. 4, 1839, and was raised on a farm two miles southwest of Beaver Springs. He attended the early German schools and later received some instruction in English. After he became of age he learned photography and the trade of shoemaking and has worked at these trades ever since. He was married July 2, 1871, to Susan A. Schroyer, a daughter of Henry and Mary Schroyer, and has always been a resident of Beaver Springs; two sons were born to this union: Hurley and Clymer, both married. He is a member of the St. Peter's Evan. Lutheran church; had joined



M. F. MATTERN.

DIED.

Nov. 27, 1891, Samuel J. Gundrum, aged 53 years, 1 month and 7 days.

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JOHN O. KLINGLER
Proprietor Klingler Wagon Works.

CHARLES C. WETZEL
Cabinet Maker and Dealer in Furniture.

ISAAC I. MANBECK.

Mr. Manbeck was born July 12, 1843, in Union county, now Snyder, and was a son of Daniel and Anna R. Manbeck. His father died at the age of thirty-five years, leaving a young widow with four children. She did not break up the family circle, however, but reared her children to manhood on a farm about a mile and a half north of Beaver Springs. The mother lived to be 87 years old, and spent her last ten years with her son Isaac, who resided in Beaver Springs. At the age of eighteen years Mr. Manbeck taught two terms of public school under the instruction of Supts. Alleman and Wm. Moyer; but he had more of an inclination to become a merchant, and at the age of twenty years he hired to B. L. Raudenbush of Beaver Springs as clerk and clerked for him eleven years. Then he was elected Justice of the Peace for two terms of Beaver township. He now entered the store business with Geo. M. Smith, known as the firm of Smith & Manbeck, of Beaver Springs. Later the same firm sold to A. S. Helfrich, from Bannerville. After he sold out he bought a farm of 45 acres adjoining Beaver Springs and took to farming for a few years but on account of ill health he had to quit. The same farm is still owned by him. He sold a number of lots and still has some to sell. He, with J. O. Goss, bought the store of J. G. Moyer at Troxelville, doing business as the firm of Goss & Manbeck. They did a successful business for five years, then sold out to C. O. Greenhoe and Isaac Winter. Mr. Manbeck then bought a farm of one hundred and fifty-six acres west of Troxelville known as the Philip Smith farm. This farm he improved considerably by fertilizing and replacing new buildings, so it can be said his farm properties can scarcely be equaled in the county. These farms are stocked by Mr. Manbeck himself and the labor is paid in money. William Norman was hired for the last twelve years and is still looking after the interests of Mr. Manbeck.

Mr. Manbeck was married to Lovina, daughter of Abraham Dreese, of Beaver Springs. To this family was born a son, Herbert Grant, who is now forty-one years old. He was married to Lizzie, daughter of Anis Gross. This family is blessed with one daughter, Blanche, seventeen years old; said families are living peaceably together in Beaver Springs. The Manbeck family is represented elsewhere in this book by a four generation picture. Mr. Manbeck and his wife, Lovina, made four trips west as far as Kansas. His son, wife and daughter made a trip west several years ago. Mr. Manbeck and son are stockholders of the Beaver Springs First National Bank and McClure First National Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Manbeck belong to the Reformed church and he is a staunch Republican.

A distillery was located years ago in the meadow west of the residence now occupied by William H. Mitchell.

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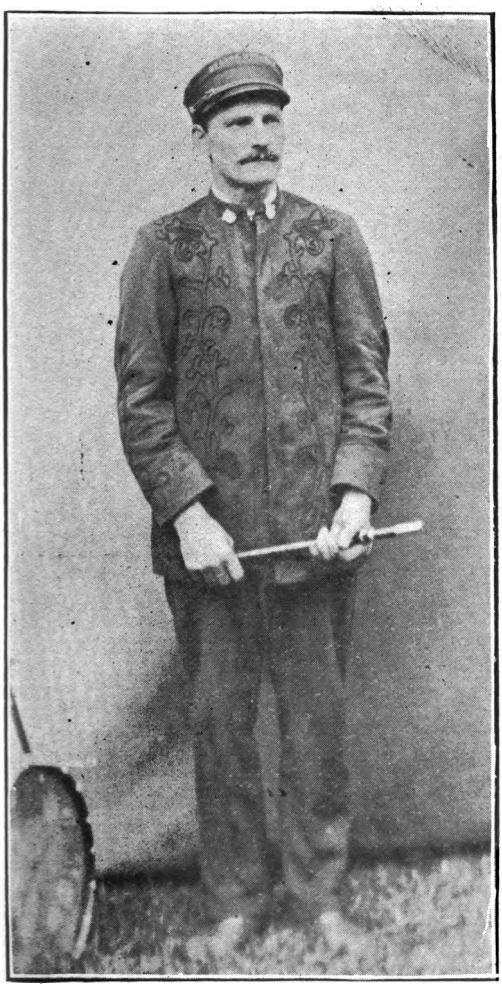
DAVID F. GETZ.

Mr. Getz is the youngest son of David Getz and wife (nee Mary Lepley) and was born March 29, 1864, in Adamsburg now Beaver Springs,) Snyder county, Pa., at which place he has spent all his life with the exception of one year when he



worked in West Virginia. He is a steam engineer by trade and has followed that trade since the age of sixteen and is at present in the employ of the P. R. R. as night engineer at this place. He has been a member of the Adamsburg Silver Band since its organization in 1880, and a member of Adamsburg Lodge No.566 I.O.O.F. He was married to Laura E. Zook Dec. 17, 1886, and is the father of seven children, six of whom are living and all reside at home: Samuel A., Mary E., Cora M., Edna V., Hilda A. and Milton F. Mr. Getz and eldest son are also fruit growers and have one of the finest orchards in the county. He is the instructor of the Beaver Springs Drum Corps.

GEORGE D. LANTZ.

Mr. Lantz was born near Belleville, Mifflin county, Pa., May 25, 1867, and is a son of Samuel and Margaret Lantz (nee Getz). He resided under the parental roof until he was nineteen years old and in 1886 he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Aurand. This union was blessed with six children as follows: Max A., employed at Wilkesbarre by the P. R. R. Co.; Ray S., an employe of the A. M. Aurand Printing House, Ruth, Henry, Luther and John. Ih 1901 his wife died

and in 1903 he was married to LoEmma Werner, of Beaver Springs. To this union was born one child, Mary. Mr. Lantz is a member of the St. John's Lutheran church of Belleville, also a member of the K. G. E. and I. O. O. F. He is a plasterer by trade and an energetic band man, and is at present baritone player for the Beaver Springs Band. He is chairman of the Centennial reception committee.

The markets of Beaver Springs on Sept. 1, 1906, were: Butter 16c; eggs 16c; lard 9c; tallow 4c; potatoes 50c; ham 16c; shoulder 12c; sidemeat 9c; chickens 10c to 13c; onions 60c per bushel; wheat 70c; rye 55c; oats 28c; corn 50c; cloverseed $5.00.

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WILLIAM E. STAHLNECKER.

Mr. Stahlnecker was born June 12, 1869, at Middleburg, his parents being Aaron and Lovine Stahlnecker. On Aug. 29, 1893, he was married to Annie J., daughter of John M. and Sallie Moyer. Served successfully as clerk at the Washing House for a number of years, when he went into business for himself by leasing the Merchants' Hotel at Beaver Springs, which he has conducted successfully for almost eight years, making it one of the most popular hotels in central Pennsylvania. Mr. Stahlnecker is a member of Middleburg Lodge No. 619 F. & A.M., Northumberland Royal Arch Chapter No. 174; Caldwell Consistory S. P. R. S., Bloomsburg; Mystic Shrine, Irem Temple, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Hurley Romig conducted a large coachmaking shop here for about a year, when it was destroyed by fire and was not rebuilt. Rudy Bros. were also engaged in the same business for a few years.

Brick making used to be carried on here on quite an extensive scale, but for fifteen years or more no work of this kind has been done here. John Snook operated the first brick making plant across the creek from where Milton Manbeck now resides; he was succeeded by Daniel Price, who employed Henry Getz and his sons, Perry, George and James, to make the brick. The Reformed church and many of the brick residences in town are built with the brick made at this plant.

Isaiah Koons conducted a gunsmith shop for years on the premises where the late Daniel Pontius resided for many years.

Henry Mechtley conducted a brickmaking plant east of what is now Augustus Bateman's residence, and later moved it across the railroad on what is now Samuel Werner's ground. Helfrich and Smith later conducted a plant on the land now owned by Frank W. Dreese.

Years ago the Postoffice was located in a small building between what is now J. W. Bowersox's store and Mrs. Amelia Gundrum's residence, with William Saltzman as postmaster. Later the office was moved across the street into a small building on the site now occupied by W. F. Haines' residence, with L. Rash Haines as postmaster.

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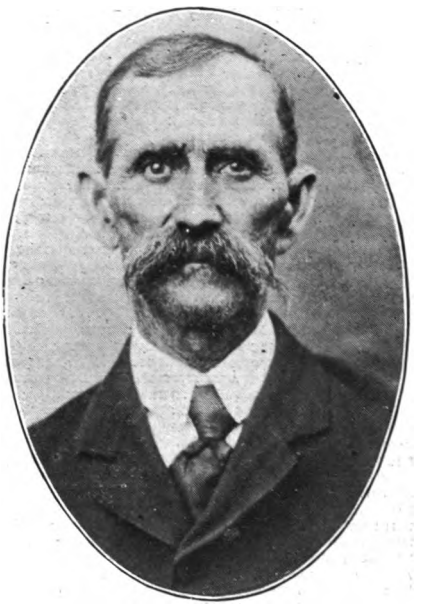
JACOB ISAAC SMELTZER.

Mr. Smeltzer was born Sept. 3rd, 1858, at Elizabethville, Dauphin Co., Pa., and was married to

Mary Elizabeth Rumbaugh, of Millerstown, Perry Co., in 1880. He farmed until 1886, when he took up his present work of wagon-making. Four sons have blessed this union: David Franklin, William Elwood, George Birton, McClellan Washington.



He moved to Beaver Springs in 1879, where he accepted a foremanship on the S. & L. Division P. R. R., which position he held for eighteen years. He is a member of the Evan. Lutheran church of this place.

RAY S. LANTZ.

Mr. Lantz was born May 26, 1889, at Carmel, N. J., and his parents are G. D. and Elizabeth Lantz (nee Aurand.) He attended the public schools of Belleville Pa., in the winter, and did factory work during the summer. In the fall of 1904 he moved to this place with his parents and entered the Aurand Printing House where he is now employed as compositor and press feeder. He is a member of the Beaver Springs Military band.

RAY S. LANTZ.

SAMUEL E. KLINEPETER.

Mr. Klinepeter was born Feb. 2, 1846, at Port Royal, Juniata county, Pa., being the son of Adam and Sara Ann (nee Boyer) Klinepeter. He was married March 24, 1870, to Miss Margaret C. Patton and there were born to them five sons and five daughters, six of whom are living: Belle V., married to J. S. Swain; Annie E., married to J. A. Hawke, who have one daughter, Margaret Geneveive; residing in Lewistown; Clarence, Netta, Alva and Russell are at home.

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AMMON MONROE AURAND.

Mr. Aurand is the son of Samuel F. and Elenora E. Aurand, and was born near Beaver Springs, Sept. 3, 1870. His grandparents were Isaac Aurand and wife Caroline (nee Robinson. Isaac Aurand was a prominent farmer and later a citizen of the town and died June 29, 1903, aged 76 years, 6 months and 12 days. The widow survives. His great-grandparents were Samuel Aurand and wife. His great-great-grand parents were Henry Aurand and wife Rebecca (nee Dreisbach) who lived and kept a store where John W. Bingaman lived for many years, near what is now known as Benfer P. O., two and one-half miles north of Beaver Springs. His great-great-great-grandparents were John Aurand and wife, Mary Elizabeth (nee Pontius) who came to America on the ship Edenburg, James Lyon, captain, from Rotterdam, Germany, Oct. 2, 1753. John Aurand was born at Dillenburg, Germany, Sept. 5, 1725. The great-great-great-grand-parents of the subject of this sketch were Henry Aurand and wife, Anna Christina (nee Hoff), who lived at or in Straas Ebersbach, Germany. In this place they had settled from Heidelburg, Germany, having come there from Holland, to which country they had fled from France upon the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes by Louis XIV in 1685, because of the Protestant faith of the Aurand family. This family is of eminent Huguenot stock, having occupied positions of high rank and can be traced back in connection with the Sellaire family, which was of the same stock, to the year A. D. 1300. The mother of A. M. Aurand was a daughter of John R. and Sarah Stumpff, who died within a few weeks of each other in the early spring of 1880, near Beaver Springs. Of the further maternal ancestry there is no available record.

From the "History of the Aurand Family," Rev. Frederick Aurand, author, published in 1900; and from the "Commemorative Record," published in 1898 the following facts are gleaned on the life of the subject of this sketch: "Mr. Aurand is a self-made young man in all respects. He received only a common school education and at the age of sixteen he entered upon his chosen life work, the printing and publishing business, in which he has been remarkably successful. This instance goes to show that the young men who are not blessed with means can make a success in life without a college education, if their spare time is devoted to study, young Aurand using all available spare moments in the study of his books. Without a dollar capital, and never having been inside a printing office, this boy started into business. His first printing press, a small card press, cost seventy-five cents. By personal experience and from books he gradually learned the printing business and by exchanging the smaller for larger presses from time to time, he was enabled on March 5, 1887, to issue the first number of the "Adamsburg Herald," a four column folio, later changed to "The Weekly Herald." This paper continued to grow in size, circulation and influence until it now has the largest circulation of any weekly newspaper published in Snyder, Mifflin or Juniata counties. In 1883 he started the American Business Journal; in 1896 the American Monthly Herald; in 1899 the Christian Advocate; in 1905 the American Bookseller, all journals of general circulation extending over the entire United States. In 1894 he erected a substantial building, 25x45 feet, two stories high, to carry on his increasing business, and in 1900 another two-story building adjoining, 20x40 feet. In these buildings is now located a printing and publishing plant not equalled anywhere in the United States in a town of 500 population. From twelve to twenty-five people are employed the year round. Besides personally superintending the printing and publishing business and editing the various papers, Mr. Aurand has other extensive business interests, giving all of them his personal attention. He is the sole manager of the American Publishing Company, which sells books and Bibles through more than four thousand agents in all parts of America and owns many of the copyrights and plates of these books exclusively. He is the author and compiler of a number of books, the sale of which has run up into many thousands of copies.

In addition to this business he is one of the three organizers and treasurer of the Beaver Springs Water Co., one of the three organizers and the president of the Beaver Springs Electric Light Co., one of the three organizers and the president of the Farmers' and Merchants' Telephone Co.; one of the organizers and has served as director and secretary of the First National Bank, of McClure, Pa.; one of the organizers and directors of the Town Hall Association; a supreme director in the Union Protective Association, Beavertown, Pa.; the owner of book stores at Lewistown, Beaver Springs, Sunbury and Shamokin. Mr. Aurand is a member of the Reformed church and has served as deacon continuously for almost fifteen years; has been a Sunday school teacher of classes of young boys for twelve years; has been president of the Christian Endeavor Society for several terms. He is a member of Middleburg Lodge No. 619, F. & A. M.; of Beavertown Camp No. 98 P. O. S. of A.; Adamsburg Lodge No. 566, I. O. O. F., where he has occupied all the important offices in the Lodge, and was a representative to the Grand Lodge meeting at Gettysburg in 1901; and is a member of the State Editorial Association since 1890.

He is a Republican in politics and in 1896 was elected national delegate from Snyder county to the St. Louis convention which nominated William McKinley for president for his first term, Mr. Aurand receiving the highest number of votes ever given any candidate in Snyder county. In 1898 he was appointed postmaster at Beaver Springs and held the office until 1906, a period of nine years, without any opposition and having the full confidence and esteem of the patrons of the office, when his increasing business interests in other lines compelled him to resign the office and he was permitted to choose his successor, Mr. J. W. Specht, and Ira A. Kline, assistant. Through his careful management he has succeeded in raising the post office from the fourth to the third or presidential class, now paying a salary of eleven hundred dollars a year. He has served several terms as county committeeman and held the office as secretary of the committee each term; has served as school director for three years, and held the office of secretary of the board the entire period; is secretary of the Board of Trade organized in 1900. On Dec. 26, 1889, Mr. Aurrnd was married to Jennie M., only daughter of Lewis and Sarah Helfrich. This union was blessed with three children: Ammon Monroe, Jr., born March 8, 1895; Claudia Beatrice, born Oct. 2, 1900; Grace Margaret, born Sept. 21, 1902. Mr. Aurand is a great lover of books and has a splendid private library of over 2,000 volumes, some of which are very rare. He takes a great interest in his home town and is always ready to advocate anything that tends to improve or advance the interests of the town. He was unanimously chosen president of the Centennial Association in 1906 and is devoting all his efforts to make the celebration a grand success.

Such is the brief history of a remarkably successful young man who started in life without a dollar capital and who energetically worked his way up to an influential position, and it contains helpful suggestions to every youth who would win a worthy place in life. His brief life of 36 years has been a most strenuous one, but the results of his labors are everywhere visible and will stand as monuments to his untiring efforts and energies long after he has passed away and gone to his reward.

MARRIED.

Sept. 26, 1901, by Rev. D. Mast Gordon, at Philadelphia, W. Edgar Miller and Carrie E. Youngman, both of Beaver Springs.

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A. MONROE AURAND, JR.

A. Monroe Aurand is a son of A. M. Aurand, Sr., and was born March 8, 1895. He is one of the hustling and enterprising young boys of the town and will some day make his mark in the business world, having already the sagacity and instinct of a good business man. At the age of five years he had learned typesetting and devoted hours at a time in his father's office to this work, setting up short articles for the HERALD. He was known as the youngest typesetter, or compositor, in the U. S., and the big city dailies print-

ed his portrait and devoted considerable space to this youthful prodigy. He is now eleven years old and conducts a news agency, selling daily papers and magazines. He is also the librarian of the free library at this place, and is himself a great reader of books. He has attended public schools since six years of age. He is a member and regular attendant of Christ Reformed Sunday school and the Christian Endeavor Society, plays the fife in the Beaver Springs Drum Corps and plays the piano. He can operate a typewriter and feed a job press and readily picks up any work given him.

On July 18, 1905, quite a destructive fire occurred in town, caused by some children playing with matches in a barn. The reported losses were as follows: Rev. S. F. Greenhoe, barn, $400, insurance $300; Albright Dreese, personal property, $100, no insurance; Anis Gross, barn, $700, insurance $400; G. M. Smith, personal property, $50, no insurance; Dr. A. M. Smith, barn, $1600, insurance, $550; J. W. Snook, stable, $300, no insurance; Lutheran parsonage, stable, $100, no insurance.

WILLIAM B. WOODLING.

Mr. Woodling was born April 15, 1837, and was married to Elvina Roush in 1861. This union was blessed with five children, namely, Virgie,

William, Annie and two others who died in infancy. His wife died in 1870 and he was remarried to Elvina Unangst, widow of William Unangst, in 1873. In his early life he was engaged in boating, blacksmithing, dealing in stock, and then in lumbering and peach growing. He now lives retired at Beaver Springs.

The Town Hall.

This splendid building was erected in the fall of 1904, through the efforts of Samuel Werner, H. I. Romig, James D. Dreese, Robert S. Smith, A. M. Aurand (who are the directors) and others who saw the necessity of a suitable building in which to hold public meetings and entertainments. The public hall is on the first floor and includes a stage, gallery, etc., the second floor being used for lodge meeting purposes, it being occupied at present by the I. O. O. F.

In addition to the names of blacksmiths of the town, appearing in the first part of this book, may be added Samuel Warner, John Spangler, Foster Reigle, Henry Beaver and George Nace.

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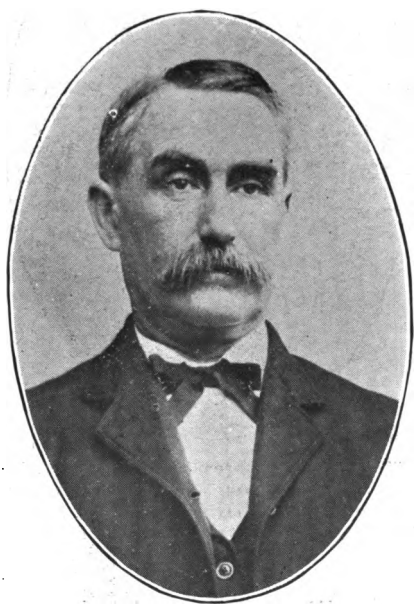
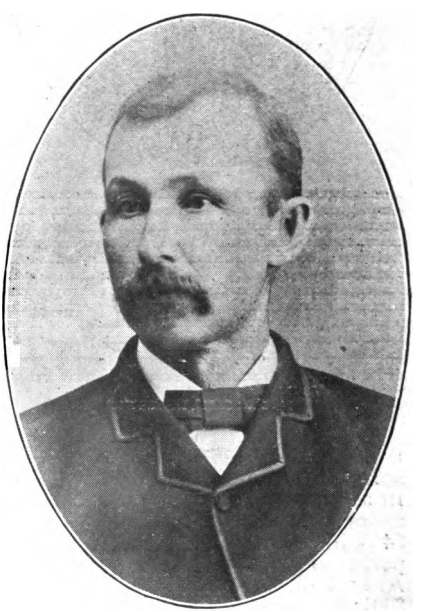
JAMES CHRISTIAN SCHAMBACH.

Mr. Schambach was born in Adamsburg, (now Beaver Springs), Snyder county, Pa., on the 30th day of December, 1855. His ancestors on his father's side being German of descent and on his mother's side, German and French descent. His father was John Schambach and his mother was Catherine (nee Aurand) Schambach. When he was ten years old he was hired out to work on the farm, and worked on the farm during summer and went to the public school in the winter, (at that time the term was four months). At the age of sixteen years he went home to learn the



trade of wagon-making with his father and worked with his father till May 3, 1880, when he started a shop for himself in the town of Adamsburg and worked at his trade for twenty-two years. When the Beaver Springs wagon factory started he entered the same and has been working there up to the present time and was one of the first hands employed by the firm, being engaged in building the wheels for the said factory. He has been residing in Beaver Springs for over twenty-six years. On the 28th day of November, 1880, Mr. Schambach was married to Harriet S. Aigler, of Beavertown, Snyder Co., Pa., a daughter of Noah and Susannah (nee Grimm) Aigler. This union was blessed with five daughters as follows: Maggie Alvilda, Katie Susannah, Carrie Belle, Lizzie Annetta, Mary Kathryn, two of whom have departed this life, viz: Katie Susannah, at the age of 2 years and 15 days, and Carrie Belle at the age of 2 years, 2 months and 3 days. Mr. Schambach joined the Reformed church at Beaver Springs in 1871 under the pastorate of Rev. L. C. Edmonds and has been a regular member to the present time. He has been a member of the Reformed consistory for twenty years; he is now and has been treasurer of Christ Reformed church for the last sixteen years; he has been a member of the Reformed church choir for nineteen years, having been one of its first members; has served as superintendent of Christ Reformed Sunday school for ten years and is at present superintendent; was secretary of the same for a number of years; he has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Association since its organization; he has been sexton of Christ Reformed church for sixteen years and is the present sexton. He has always taken an active part in politics and served as representative delegate of Snyder county to the Democratic state convention at Harrisburg several years ago. He was nominated by the Democratic county convention in 1900 for the office of prothonotary for Snyder county; has been committeeman of Spring township and a member of the Democratic standing committee of Snyder county for fifteen years; has been treasurer and is now secretary of the same. He was appointed by Judge Bucher, the first judge of election for Spring township when the township was formed. He is at present one of the board of auditors for Spring township. He has been a member of the Beaver Springs military band for over twenty-five years and was one of the charter members.



ANIS GROSS

President Beaver Springs Water Co. and Treasurer Beaver Springs Electric Light Co.

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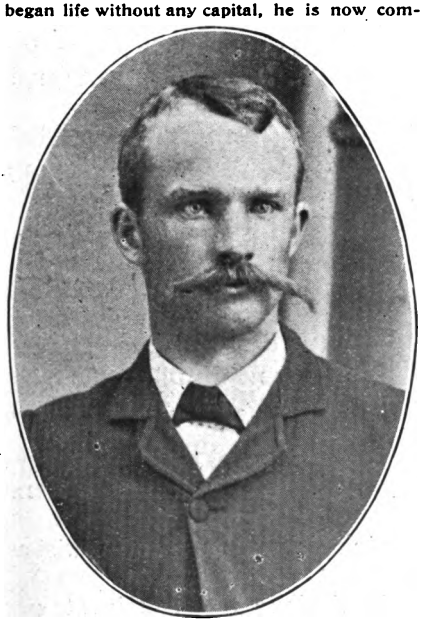
JAMES M. BAKER.

J. M. Baker, of Beaver Springs, who is now serving his second term as district attorney of Snyder county, enjoys the distinction of having been elected to that office with a greater majority than any other person ever elected to office in Snyder county. He is a native of Snyder county, however, having first seen the light November 31, 1861, in West Beaver township, but his youth was spent elsewhere and it was as a comparative stranger that, in 1891, he began to practice his profession in the place of his nativity. He comes of an excellent family, and on the paternal side is of English descent. His father, Walter Baker, was born in Snyder county, and learned the trade of carpentering and cabinet making with David Ocker. He followed these lines of business for some time and although he began life without any capital, he is now com-



fortably situated, owning a fine farm in Decatur township, Mifflin Co., Pa. In 1872 he removed to Dormantown, Pa., where he now resides. He has always taken an interest in local affairs wherever he has resided, and has several times been elected to the office on the Republican ticket. In religious work he is prominent as a member of the Lutheran church, serving in various offices, and for years he has been superintendent of the Sunday school. His wife, Sarah McClean, who was born in Snyder county, is of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Our subject is the eldest of nine children; William M., is a physician at Lewistown; Mary, died in childhood; Adda C., married to E. S. Aurand, of Lewistown; Ira R. is a teacher in Dormantown; Miss Lizzie is also a teacher; Samuel S. teaches in the schools at Dormantown; Elsie and Kirby are at home. Mr. Baker began his education in the schools of Bannerville with J. Y. H. Moyer as his first teacher. As his parents left Snyder county when he was but a boy, he attended for several years the public schools at Dormantown, and so readily did he learn that, at seventeen he was licensed to teach. He secured a school in West Beaver township, Snyder county, at twenty dollars per month, and while teaching he devoted his evenings and in fact, all his spare time to study. Previous to 1877 he had spent much of his time upon a farm, but afterwards he worked at the carpenter trade with his father and although the occupation was not congenial he spent several summers in that way after he had begun teaching. In 1882 he completed a course in telegraphy in the normal schools at Ada, Ohio, but not liking the business he never followed it. In 1884 he entered the scientific course at Ada and was graduated from that department in July, 1886, as civil engineer. He then returned to Pennsylvania and became a partner with his father in the stave business at Dormantown, and afterwards returned to his Alma Mater to study law. Having learned the theory he took up the study of legal practice in the office of Andrew Reed of Lewistown and in 1890 was admitted to the Bar. For a short time he remained with his preceptor, but in March, 1891, he located at Beaver Springs, where he met with unusual success, his practice extending throughout this section. In 1894 he was elected to District Attorney, and since January, 1895, he has held that office, being re-elected without opposition in 1897. His abilities are recognized by all parties, his duties being most ably discharged. Mr. Baker married Miss Mary J. Yeager, daughter of Simon D. and Hannah (Bear) Yeager, well-known residents of Lewistown. Two children were born to this union: Beulah E., who died in infancy, and Walter C., born Feb. 16, 1890, now an interesting boy. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are prominent in social life and she is an active member of the Methodist church. Their home is a pleasant one, having lately been remodeled, and in addition to this property Mr. Baker also owns three small tracts of land near town. Politically Mr. Baker is a staunch Republican, and socially he is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America No. 98, at Beavertown, and of the Knights of the Golden Eagle at Beaver Springs. He was a charter member of the latter society, and has passed through all the chairs; also a member of the Sons of Veterans of McClure, his father having served as a volunteer in the Rebellion.—From Beers' Commemorative Biographical Record, 1898.

Married.

April 9, 1898, by Rev. B. F. Kautz, John A. Kearns, of Beavertown, and Effie M. Aurand, of Beaver Springs.

April 30, 1898, by Rev. B. F. Kautz, Spencer Earl Romig and Nettie E. Felker, both of Beaver Springs.

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PROGRAM.

Centennial Celebration Sept. 6, 7 and 8, 1906, in Hon. A. M. Smith's Grove.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6, 10 A. M.—Old Home Day. Reunion of Old Settlers, Natives and Former Residents of the Town and Vicinity. Address of welcome by Hon. A. M. Smith. Speeches by Former Citizens.

1 P. M.—Industrial Parade, including Floats, Wagons and Vehicles of All Kinds, representing the various Business Houses and Industries of town. Several Bands and a Magnificent Electric Piano on a large Float will furnish music during the parade. An attractive feature will be 35 Farmers in line, each with a different farm implement or machine, representing both old-time and modern methods of farming. Each team gaily decorated.

2:30 P. M.—Annual Lutheran Reunion of Snyder County. All the Congregations in the county will be represented. Addresses by Rev. A. E. Wagner, Ph. D., Rev. John Kline, Ph. D., Rev. A. H. Spangler and others.

6 P. M.—Further exercises and addresses by the Lutheran people.

Special train leaves Beaver Springs for Sunbury at 9:30 p. m., stopping at all intermediate stations.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7, 9:30 A. M.—Addresses by prominent men.

10:30 A. M.—Base Ball Game between two strong teams.

1 P. M.—Fantastic Parade, open to all persons wishing to take part either in fancy or comic costumes. As ladies will participate in this parade, no disorderly conduct will be permitted on the part of anyone.

2:30 P. M.—Reunion of the Reformed Church Members of Snyder, Mifflin and adjoining counties. Addresses by Rev. A. C. Whitmer and others.

6 P. M.—Address, "Adamsburg (Beaver Springs), Its Union Church and People of Fifty Years Ago," by Rev. L. C. Edmonds, a former pastor.

Special trains will leave Beaver Springs for Sunbury and Lewistown Junction at 9:30 P. M., stopping at all intermediate stations.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8, 10 A. M.—Addresses by prominent men. Reunion of the Odd Fellows of Snyder, Mifflin, Juniata and Union Counties, and General Reunion of all the secret societies in Central Pennsylvania.

1 P. M.—Secret Society Parade, in which the following Orders will be represented: Odd Fellows, Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, Patriotic Sons of America, Knights of Pythias, Red Men, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Fire Companies, Modern Woodmen and other organizations. More than Fifty Secret Organizations will be in line.

2:30 P. M.—Addresses by prominent members of the I. O. O. F. and other Fraternal Orders.

6 to 9 P. M.—Grand Carnival and closing exercises of the First Centennial Anniversary of the Town.

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VIEWS OF BEAVER SPRINGS

Dr. A. M. Smith's Park, where the Centennial Exercises were Held. View Looking Southeast.

J. F. Snook and Family. Mr. Snook is the Official Photographer of the Centennial Jubilee and Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank.

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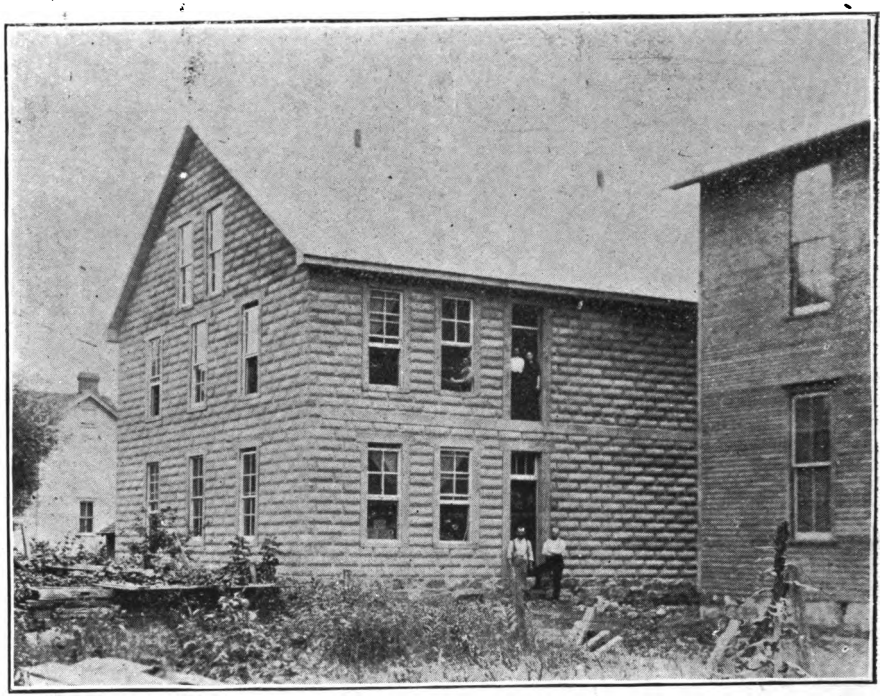

EIDON HANDLE COMPANY.

Granolithic Building of the Beaver Springs Electric Light Co., in which is located the Company's motor, dynamo and storage rooms. The greater part of the building, including the portion shown above, is occupied by the Eidon Handle Company in the manufacture of all kinds of whip handles and whips. They are making whip handles and whips on an entirely new principle. In the old way of whip making whether of better or cheaper whips, the handle was made with the top or upper portion of whip. The Eidon Handle Co. makes the handle of the whip separate and apart from the top of the whip. The body of the handle is steel which is covered with a variety of materials such as leather, celluloid—in different colors, etc. As the handle of the Eidon whips are made separate and apart from the top it is evident that a great variety of combinations can be obtained, impossible in the old style of whip making. A dealer or customer can select any size, weight, color or quality that his tastes may require. There is no glue used in the Eidon whips to form a connection to handle. The handle of Eidon whips is joined to the tops by means of a cold metal connection, which is patented. This connection forms an inseparable joint unaffected by heat, cold or moisture. It is a well known fact that all common thread covered whips with the ordinary covering on handle soon wear ragged in a whip socket, and become a receptacle for grease and dirt. The Eidon handles can all be washed and kept clean. As is reasonable to suppose the Eidon Co. are having a large and growing demand for their goods and are sending whips now to almost all parts of the country.

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Sons of Beaver Springs.

Those Who Have Gone Out Into the World and Made a Success in Life.

IRA J. SMITH.

Mr. Smith was born November 27, 1871, his parents being Robert Smith and wife of Beaver Springs. He took a business course at Bryant &

Stratton's Business College, Buffalo, New York, after which was employed by Barnes, Hamgerer & Co., department store, of Buffalo, as one of the office clerks for one year. Next employed as city salesman with Smith, Foster & Co., of Philadelphia, for a period of five years; after that by The Dunham Shredded Cocoanut Co., of New York City, for which firm he traveled ten states in one year; was next employed as salesman for one year by Spaulding & Merrick, of Chicago, Ill., the largest tobacco manufacturers in the world. This position he resigned and accepted a position as salesman for the Reid Tobacco Co., of Milton, Pa., which he held for two years. Resigning the Milton firm, which are the largest tobacco jobbers in the U. S., he is again traveling as a tobacco salesman for Spaulding & Merrick, of Chicago, who are a part of the American & Continental Tobacco Company. Mr. Smith has made Milton his headquarters for the past four years. He is a member of Lodge No. 913 B. P. O. Elks since 1904, in which Order he takes a great interest. He is unmarried.

H. H. LAUB, Jr.

Mr. Laub was born near Beaver Springs, Pa., December 27, 1862, near where his parents, Henry H. and Louisa Laub, still reside. He was educated in the public schools and at the age of twenty entered the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's office at McClure, in whose employ he has been to the present time. In May, 1886, he was promoted to telegraph operator and clerk at Lewistown, Pa. After serving in various capacities on July 1st, 1889, was promoted to agent at Reedsville, Pa., where he served the company until Oct. 1, 1897, when he was promoted to his present position as freight, passenger and baggage agent at Lewistown, Pa. He always took an active interest in the advancement of public improvements as well as in the political world and

was unanimously chosen County Chairman of the Mifflin County Republican Committee, which honor came unsolicited.

HERALD, April 4, 1888.

Over 1,000 tons of iron ore were shipped from this place during the month of March.

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CHARLES R. KLOSE.

Charles R. Klose, second son of Wm. J. and Mary E. Klose, was born at Beaver Springs, Pa., Nov. 16, 1875; attended the public schools of the

town, took up a classical course in the Northern University at Ada, Ohio; graduated with honors in the year 1900; took up a business course in Keller's Business College, at Lewisburg, and graduated in 1902; taught school five terms, was principal of the Beaver Springs schools for two years. Was engaged in the mercantile business with his brother for a year or more; sold out to J. B. Spangler and J. D. Haines; was bookkeeper for the Waverly Oil Co., of Pittsburg, Pa. Took a civil service examination and was appointed to and accepted a clerkship in the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C., Oct. 30, 1905, still holding said position. He is a member of the Reformed church of which Pres. Roosevelt holds membership, and is a member of Acacia Lodge No. 18 F. A. & A. M., of Washington, D. C.

Reuben Dreese's Barn Burned.

Tuesday morning, Nov. 1, 1887, at 4 o'clock, the large bank barn of Reuben Dreese in town was burned to the ground, with its contents. The barn was full of hay and straw and contained 900 bushels of oats and 400 bushels of wheat. The stock was saved. Loss, $3,000; insurance, $1,500; the fire was the work of an incendiary.

LEWIS HOWARD RAUCH.

Lewis Howard Rauch is a son of Lewis and Melinda Rauch, of Beaver Springs. He was born June 25, 1866, attended Beaver Springs public schools until 18 years of age, taught one term of school at Aurand's school house, about two miles north of Beaver Springs. He entered the railroad station at Beaver Springs in May, 1886, to learn the art of telegraphy and railroad work under the instruction of J. E. Forrseter and his assistant, Wm. Garman. In May, 1887, was appointed manager of Western Union telegraph office at Selinsgrove, Pa. From June, 1889, until April, 1890, he was extra operator on the S. & L. Division; from April, 1890, to Sept., 1892, served as agent and operator at Hambleton and Dobbin, W. Va., on the West Virginia Central and Pittsburg Railway; from Sept., 1892, until August, 1898, agent and operator at Robertsdale, Pa., on the East Broad Top Railroad. In August, 1898, accepted a position in auditor's office of the W. Va. C. & Pgh. R. R. at Elkins, W. Va., first as clerk of tickets and telegraph accounts, then promoted to assistant to general bookkeeper, which position he held for about four months; was then promoted to chief clerk in miscellaneous freight department and route agent. On account of poor health he resigned October, 1900, and came back to Pennsylvania. On February 25, 1901, he accepted a position as operator and clerk on the

Cambria and Clearfield division of the P. R. R. at Cresson, Pa., and at present is holding the position of time keeper and paymaster for this division. Mr. Rauch is married to Miss Tillie C. Stuck. No children have blessed this union.

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JACOB A. LAUB.

Mr. Laub is a son of the veteran, Henry H. Laub and wife, and was born March 15, 1873 In his early youth he acquired his education in our city schools, later attending our county normals, fitting himself for a teacher, which occupation he followed during 1894 and 1895. He was married Feb. 7, 1895, to Miss Minnie Belle Smith, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Smith, Mr. Smith being a successful merchant in this city at that time. In 1897 he moved to Berwick, Pa., taking up a lucrative position with the American Car & Foundry Co., which he still holds at the present time. He is much interested in Berwick's municipal politics, taking an active part in all matters pertaining to the betterment of the city in general. In 1902 he was elected registry assessor and general assessor the year following, which position he still holds. He is a member of the A. A. of I. S. & T. W. and also the Brotherhood of America. He was one of the pioneer Odd Fellows of Beaver Springs Lodge, being one of the fifteen members to get the degrees at Selinsgrove and afterwards instituting a home lodge. Mr. Laub is one of the many successful sons of Beaver Springs to whom we can look up to with pride.

Marriages.

April 29, 1871, by Rev. Edmonds, Wm. B. Woodling and Mrs. Elvina Unangst.

Aug. 10, 1871, by Rev. L. C. Edmonds, at Adamsburg, John E. Bollender and Anna Moyer.

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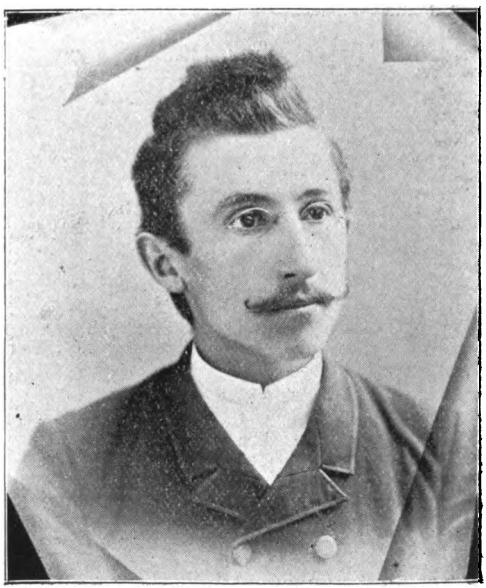
J. CALVIN OLDT.

Mr. Oldt was born near Beaver Springs, Pa., Feb. 15, 1865, and is the only son of George and Amanda Oldt. At present he is the Superintendent of Public Schools at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, and



the Mayor of that famous summer resort - the Coney Island of the West. From Sept. 1 to about June 10 of each year he teaches Science, the Higher Mathematics and German in the High School and during the three summer months his forenoons are devoted to official work in the mayor's office and part of the afternoons to the management of the electric railroad and power house of which he has been superintendent and treasurer for six years. This famous little railroad carries several thousands of passengers every day and Sundays and holidays from eight to ten thousand passengers. As mayor, he has charge of the welfare of the tens of thousands who visit this famous resort, who are protected by a good police force of fourteen men and an occasional detective. His rigid enforcement of laws has rid the resort of questionable characters so that he needs sit as judge in court but for from fifty to sixty cases per year. This principle has elected him for five times and he is now serving his ninth year as mayor. He has also been Justice of the Peace for seven years. In politics he is a Republican. As a Christian, he is firmly devoted to church, Sunday school, and Young People's meetings. While living at Beaver Springs he was in turn secretary, assistant superintendent and for a short time superintendent of the Reformed Snnday school. He has been a Sunday school teacher since 1879. At Put-in-Bay he has been superintendent of the Episcopal Sunday school for ten years, clerk and member of the church vestry for 10 years, and leader of the choir for fifteen years. He is a strong Y. M. C. A. worker and while at college at New Berlin was a member of the Sectional State Committee, having charge of Centre, Clinton, Lycoming, Northumberland, Montour, Union, Snyder and Juniata counties. While Mr. Oldt has been active as a citizen, a Christian and a business man, yet he wishes to be recognized as a teacher which he has made his life work. He was educated in the public and private schools of Spring township, Snyder county, Freeburg Academy and County Normal school, Lock Haven State Normal and Central Penna. College, from which latter institution he graduated from the Classical department and also from the Commercial department. Later he did post-graduate work in Pedagogy under the guidance of Lebanon Valley College, and now he is pursuing a course preparatory to his entering the Ohio Normal College of the State University for a pedagogical degree. He holds an Ohio life certificate for high schools, the highest credential for Ohio high school teachers. For three years he was clerk and member of the County Board of School Examiners. This office is the highest school office in Ohio counties, for Ohio does not have county superintendents. While residing in Snyder county he taught in Troxelville, Beaver Springs, Bickel's school in Spring township, and Good's, in Adams. For the last sixteen years he has been teaching in Ohio, and on Sept. 3 he will begin his twenty-fourth year as teacher. While living in Snyder county he began writing as a correspondent to the Selinsgrove Times, and later corresponded for years for the Freeburg Courier, The Tribune, the Middleburg Post and The Herald. He is now a paid reporter for the Sandusky Daily Register and Detroit News and for several county weeklies.

HERALD, Dec. 23, 1887.

Died.

On Dec. 19, 1887, Abner Middleswarth, aged 75 years. The funeral last Wednesday was largely attended.

Mr. Middleswarth had a stroke of apoplexy about fourteen months ago and again about five weeks ago. He suffered greatly and was entirely helpless for some time.

HERALD, April 30, 1887.

S. S. Bachman, the trapper from our town, made a shipment of fur skins last week to a New York party. It consisted of the skins of 95 musk rats, 12 racoons, 2 minks and 1 red fox. This is the second shipment Mr. Bachman made this spring; he knows how to deceive game.

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SPENCER E. ROMIG.

Mr. Romig is a son of H. I. Romig and wife and was born and reared in Beaver Springs. He at-

tended the public schools and later went into the butchering business; after a few years of a prosperous business he moved to Berwick and was engaged in the same business for awhile; next took up electrical work when the Westinghouse Company installed the electrical machinery in the newly constructed steel plant for the American Car and Foundry Co., at Berwick. He worked there for a few years and was then called to Wapwallopen, Pa., on a similar vocation. He is at present working for the New York Central R. R., installing electrical apparatus in the electrical cars and holds the office as assistant foreman.

HERALD, Oct. 2, 1887.

Who Can Beat These?

Isaac Aurand raised a red beet that weighed 7 pounds and measured 2 feet and 2 inches in circumference.

Milton Manbeck raised a pumpkin that weighed 82 pounds and measures over 7 feet in circumference.

James Dreese has a pumpkin vine that bears 23 pumpkins.

Mr. Walter, residing on John Bingaman's farm, raised an ear of corn that measured 17 inches in length.

WILLIAM H. KEMPFER.

Mr. Kempfer was born Oct. 25, 1878, his parents being Jonathan O. and Rebecca Kempfer. At the age of 17 he entered the HERALD Publishing House as an apprentice and served five years. He then gave up the printing trade to attend Susquehanna Academy at Selinsgrove, Pa., and later entered Susquehanna University. In his second year at this institution he was awarded the sophomore prize for highest class standing and the Philoma-

trian prize for best literary essay. With the intention of making forestry his profession he secured a position as forest student in the U. S. Forest Service and left Susquehanna University during his junior year to take up this work. After serving in this capacity a little more than a year he procured a leave of absence in order to pursue technical forestrp studies at the University of Michigan and graduated at that institution with the class of '06 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. While there he was elected a member of the Sigma Xi in recognition of his abilities as a student. Having passed the civil service examination for forest assistant to the U. S. Forest Service, he received an appointment July 1, 1906, and is now engaged in that work.

HERALD, July 19, 1888.

Mrs. Isaac Romig, 84 years old, worked in the harvest field binding sheaves one whole afternoon last week.

In 1819 ice was half an inch thick in May, frost and Ice were common in June and also in July and August.

HERALD, July 22, 1887.

J. E. Forrester shipped about 160 gallons of ice cream last Friday and Saturday and retailed over 29 gallons in this town. He had orders for about 20 gallons more which he could not fill.

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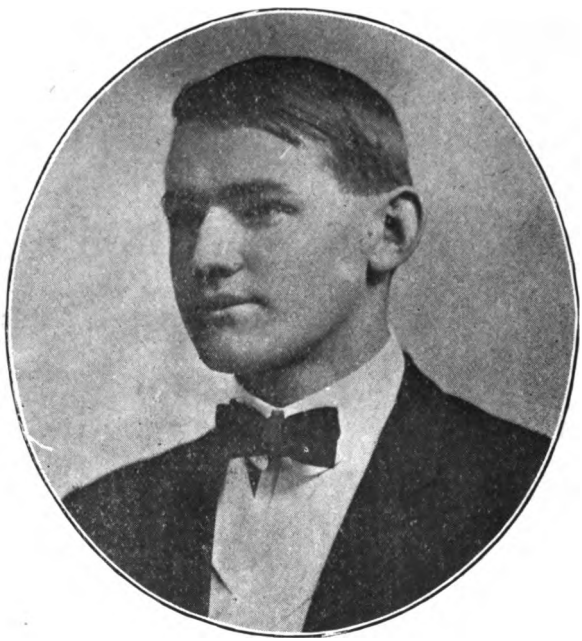
E. W. P. BENFER.

Mr. Benfer was born Aug. 7, 1884, his parents being M. W. S. and Jennie Benfer. He completed a commercial course in Keller's Business College, Lewisburg; afterwards served as time clerk for the Standard Steel Works, Burnham, Pa., for a period of two years and a half. On July 1, 1905, he took charge of the new First National Bank of McClure, Pa., as cashier, having been unanimously elected to that position by the board of directors. The first year's business of this successful institution, ending June 30, 1906, shows the results of the careful management of Mr. Benfer, who was the youngest cashier in the state when elected to the position, being only 19 years, 10 months of age.



Body of Grant K. Camp Found.

On Tuesday, June 12, 1888, the body of Grant K. Camp, of Beavertown, was found in a field a mile west of town, in a badly decomposed state, having lain in the rays of a hot sun for four days. The man had committed suicide, caused by a melancholy attack. Adam Smith, J. P., impanelled the following jury: J. G. Moyer, foreman, Henry Ulsh, Thomas J. Keller, Reuben Klose, Jacob Greenhoe and Hon. A. S. Helfrich. Drs. A. M. Smith and J. O. Wagner were the examining physicians. The jury rendered the following verdict: "That G. K. Camp, of Beavertown, on or about the 8th day of June, A.D. 1888, in the said Tilman Romig's field, then and there being alone in said field, not having the fear of God before his eyes, but being moved and seduced by the instigation of the devil, then and there voluntarily and feloniously, as a felon of himself, killed and murdered with one shot, etc., against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania." The Overseers of the Poor of Beaver township committed the body for burial to W. J. Klose and Philip Zong. As the body, in its decomposed state, could not be moved, it was buried where found.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

The boiler of the engine used on Henry Dietrich's saw-mill, four miles southwest of town, at Shade mountain exploded with terrific force Thursday afternoon, Oct. 25, 1888, injuring the sawyer, Cyrus, son of Henry Dietrich, so badly that he died in two hours after. Ephraim Kline, the fireman, was severely scalded by the steam and hot water, but soon recovered.

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CLAUDE H. KLOSE.

Claude H. Klose, son of William J. and Mary E. (nee Dreese) Klose; was born July 13, 1871; was educated in the common schools, learned telegraphy and was employed by the Sunbury & Lewistown branch of the P. R. R. for eight years and resigned his position to engage in the mercantile business with his brother, Charles R. Klose, at Beaver Springs, for a year or more, then sold out to J. B. Spangler and John D. Haines. Then, in 1896, became commercial agent or traveling salesman for the grocery firm of Whitman, Schwarz Co., Harrisburg, Pa. After serving with this firm for about three years he resigned to accept a more lucrative position with the Reid Tobacco Co., of Milton, Pa., one of the largest local distributors of tobacco and cigars in the United States. He is still with this firm and is one of their most successful salesmen. He joined the Reformed church in youth at Beaver Springs; was married Aug. 10, 1892, to Miss Blanche Bolig, daughter of Valentine Bolig, of Selinsgrove, and with his family of one son, Joseph, and two daughters, Bessie M. and May B., reside in Milton.

Marriages.

Mar. 18, 1875, by Rev. Edmonds, Samuel Shirey to Mary McClellan, both of Adamsburg.

Jan. 9, 1877, by Rev. J. E. Honeycut, John I. Bingaman to Frances C. Ewig, both of Adams township.

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G. A. LAUB.

Mr. Laub is a son of Henry H. Laub, Sr., and his wife Louisa. He was born near Beaver Springs on the 15th day of March, 1873, and lived

in the vicinity until he reached his maturity. He is at present a resident of Berwick, Pa., where he has resided for the past eight years and holds a lucrative position in the mammoth works of the American Car and Foundry Company as a rougher in the finishing of bar iron in the rolling mill department. He is an active participant in municipal affairs, having been secretary of the Board of Education for four years and was recently re-elected for another term and has done much to advance educational facilities in the borough; is active in church and Sunday school work, having been superintendent of a thriving Sunday school for four years, the school having reached the highest standard of excellence in Columbia county; is interested in fraternal organizations and is an active member in Trades Unionism, holding a responsible and very important office as a member of the Executive Board of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of the U. S.

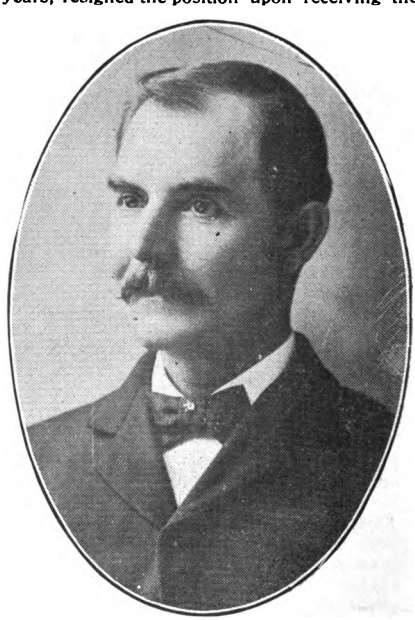
Deaths.

John Felker died near town June 24, 1889, aged 88 years, 6 months and 1 day.

Dr. H. J. Smith died Monday morning, Sept. 16, 1889, from paralysis of the heart. He was aged 38 years and was a graduate of Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia.

ADAM SMITH.

Mr. Smith is a son of John D. and Hannah Smith; was born near Troxelville, Snyder Co., Pa., June 12, 1855, and spent his boyhood days on the farm near Troxelville during the summer and attended school in the winter up to the spring of 1870, after which he went to school at Freeburg, New Berlin, Kutztown State Normal and Selinsgrove. He taught his first term of public school in Beaver township, (now Adams) during the fall of 1873 and spring of 1874. Then followed the profession of teaching two terms at Adamsburg, Pa., during the fall of 1874, 1875 and spring of 1876; moved to Beavertown in the fall of 1876, when he was in the employ of A. H. Bowersox, general merchant, for a few years; removed to Adamsburg and again engaged in the teaching of public and private or select school, teaching the higher grade of the Adamsburg schools for a number of years during the winter and select or normal during the summer months, at the same time holding the office of Justice of the Peace, which office he held for eleven years, having been appointed by Gov. Hoyt for the term of one year in 1879 and twice re-elected by the public thereafter. He entered into the mercantile business with W. J. Klose under the firm name of Klose & Smith in 1882; dissolved partnership in 1887; remained in the mercantile business until the spring of 1897. He helped to plant the I. O. O. F. No. 566 in Adamsburg, of which he has the honor of being its first Noble Grand and still retains his membership; moved to Berwick, Pa., in May, 1897, employed by the Berwick Store Co., Ltd., for six years; resigned the position upon receiving the



appointment of general agent for The Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., beginning April 1, 1903. His residence and office is at 225 E. 4th Street, Berwick, Pa.

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JOHN M. RAUCH.

Mr. Rauch, of McClure, Pa., is a son of Lewis and Melinda (Huffnagle) Rauch and was born at Mifflin, Juniata Co., Pa., August 12, 1874. He became a citizen of Snyder Co. in his boyhood and has remained so since. He has been an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for nine years and is now serving as agent at McClure station. He is a member and strong advocate of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers; Past Captain of Henry K. Ritter Camp No. 65 and a member of the Reformed church at Beaver Springs. He is one of the most talented musicians in the central part of the state and is at present leader and manager of the S. of V. band of McClure. He was married to Miss Carrie Williams, of Bloomsburg, Pa., which union was blessed with two daughters, Pauline Catherine and Dorothea Beatrice, aged seven and four years respectively. The older daughter is quite an accomplished organist for her age.

Moses Specht was one of the principal proprietors of the Lewistown railroad, serving as director during the period of construction. He secured subscriptions for the enterprise to the amount of $30,000, collecting and paying the entire sum into the treasury. Besides this he secured the gratuitous right of way for eighteen miles of road, with unincumbered titles to the lands for the location of stations at McClure, Beaver Springs, Beavertown, Paxtonville, Middleburg and Kreamer, devoting a whole summer to the work without any compensation. In 1879 he took the contract for two miles of the hardest section of grading then being constructed and did the work at a cost of $11,000, putting fifty-eight thousand loads of dirt at one "filling."

At that time the people most all rode on horseback; buggies or light wagons were unknown around there. I remember Mollie Dreese, a daughter of Jacob Dreese, and sister of Reuben and Abraham Dreese, often came to our mill with a grist, on horseback.—George P. Long.

Died.

Oct. 7, 1884, Howard Price, aged 19 years, 5 months and 8 days.

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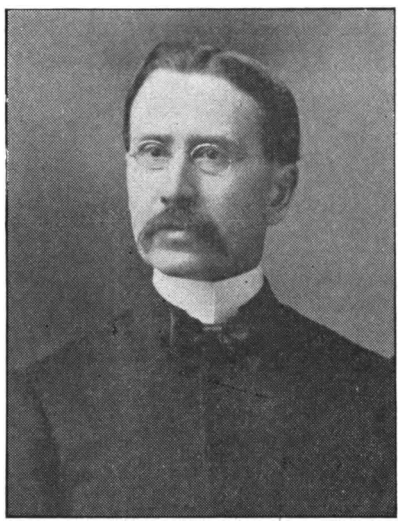
REV. C. M. AURAND.

Rev. Charles Monroe Aurand, A. M., the subject of this sketch, was born near Beaver Springs on Oct. 22, 1855. His parents, Isaac and Caroline



Aurand, residing on the farm, it was his good fortune to spend his early life as a "farmer boy." The sights and scenes of youth will abide with him in memory to his dying day, and often, when in a state of reverie, there is a deep yearning for the return of just one bright boyhood week on the old farm. On the 15th day of June, 1873, he was received into full church fellowship by the rite of confirmation, after being duly instructed by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Wieand. The class was a large one, some of whom remain and others have "passed over." The early school days of "Charlie" Aurand were similar to those of all the other boys of the community. In this case it was the "little red school house" on the cross roads that furnished the scene of conflict with the "three R's." Victory over the smaller antagonists, caused him to look around for other worlds to conquer. Hence, on Aug. 4, 1873, he bid farewell to home and fireside to enter the arena of college life. Of the toils and trials, tears and temptations on one side, and the triumphs and timbrels of joy on the other, during eight years following, nothing shall be said. The Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa., the Bloomsburg State Normal School, and Suspuehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa., excite memories all too sacred for revelation. The first half of these years were spent with the purpose of making law his profession. But Providence disposed otherwise and so when a call to the Gospel ministry was plainly recognized he consulted not with flesh and blood but heeded and obeyed. With a change of purpose came a change of studies; instead of reading law he entered the theological department of Susquehanna University, from which he graduated in May, 1882, and was ordained by the Central Penna. Synod in the same year. The subject of this sketch has served the following parishes: Milroy, Pa., and Maytown, Pa., five years; Zion Evan. Lutheran church, Williamsport, Md., four years; Christ English Lutheran church, Trenton, N. J., three years; Holy Trinity Lutheran church, Berwick, Pa., six years, and is now serving the charge at Martinsburg, Pa. He was married to Annie Greenhoe, a daughter of Reuben Greenhoe and wife and two children have blessed this union: Gertrude Granville Aurand, B. A., a graduate of Irving college, and Charles Greenhoe Aurand, who is now attending college at Gettysburg. Gertrude is married to Rev. H. C. Michael, an Evan. Lutheran minister serving a charge at Wilmerding, Pa.

Residence and Bank Building of Hon. A. M. Smith, M.D.

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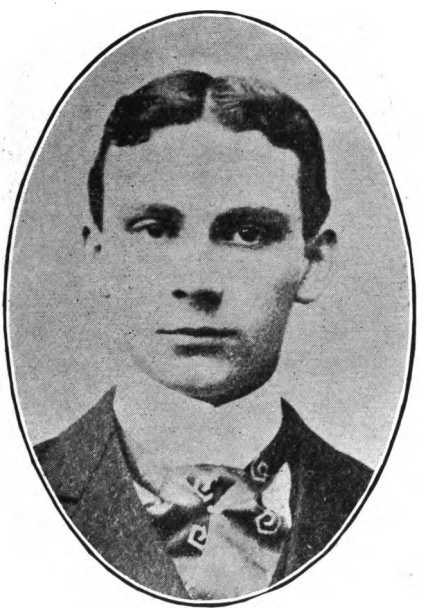
J. FRANK YOUNGMAN.

J. Frank Youngman was born at Beaver Springs, Sept. 4, 1875, his parents being Wm. H. and Orpha Youngman. He attended the public



schools of Beaver Springs, Beavertown and Milheim for about ten years; learned telegraphy in 1892 and '93. In the spring of 1894 he went to Salem, Va., entered the employ of Messrs. Leas & McVitty, of Philadelphia, engaged in the manufacture of leather. Mr. Youngman at this period was 19 years of age, and by close attention to the business and applying the proverbial Penna. pluck and energy, he, at the age of 21 years, became assistant superintendent of one of their large plants. At the age of 24 years he was promoted to superintendent, having full charge of one of their largest tanneries, located at Bluff City, Va., a position he has held up to the present time. He has made an entire success of the business, both to his employers as well as himself, and is a good example for any young man starting out in life. His prospects for the future are very bright and he is one of the most successful young men that claims Beaver Springs as his former home. Mr. Youngman is a member of the order of F. & A. M. of Pearisburg (Va.) Lodge. On Dec. 15, 1898, he was married to Mary M. Raudenbush, daughter of J. F. Raudenbush, and one son, J. Frank, Jr., was born to them Sept. 10, 1899.

Died.

Nov. 2, 1891, Mary, wife of Samuel Shirey, aged 37 years, 7 months and 18 days.

CHARLES F. GUNDRUM.

Mr. Gundrum is a son of Samuel and Amelia (nee Roush) Gundrum and was born Aug. 8, 1870. He left home in 1888 for Pittsburg, remained there three months and then left for Chicago, Ills., where he was employed as painter for the Illinois Central R. R. Co. and in three years was promoted to the foremanship of that concern. About that time the Klondyke gold discovery in Alaska was made public and Mr. Gundrum made up his mind to try his fortune in that far-off country. He was one of the early settlers of Dawson City, one of the principal towns in the gold district, and has a number of paying claims in various parts of the territory. He has lived there nine years, during which time he has paid one visit home to his mother and sister Ruth.

Mr. Gundrum sometimes comes down from Alaska to Seattle, Wash., to spend the winter and thus avoid the intense cold of the far north. He is a hardy, strong young man, and his friends hope he will some day, after having amassed a fortune, come back and settle down in his native town.

Deaths.

June 29, 1903, Isaac Aurand, aged 76 years, 6 months and 12 days.

April 23, 1906, William H. Specht, aged 52 years, 11 months and 12 days.

May 29, 1895, Isaac Wetzel, aged 51 years and 10 months.

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REV. SAMUEL F. GREENHOE.

Rev. Greenhoe is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth Greenhoe and is a graduate of the college at Selinsgrove, Pa. He gave twenty-four years of hard and faithful service to the Evangelical Lutheran church of the General Synod of America as a minister. Is located at Dallastown, Pa.

FRANK EDMONDS SHAMBAUGH.

Mr. Shambaugh is a son of Howard M. and Jane Elizabeth Shambaugh and was born in Beaver Springs, Dec. 28, 1877. At the age of sixteen he was engaged as a teacher in the public schools of West Beaver township and later in Spring township, Snyder Co., and Brown township, Mifflin Co. Having moved to Reedsville, he attended the Reedsville Academy and the Reedsville Classical High School. In the fall of 1898 he entered the Freshman class of Susquehanna University, from which institution he graduated four years later with high honors. While there he was prominently identified with the athletic and social life of the college, having held most of the offices in the various student organizations. He also was a member of the Philomatrian Society. After graduation, being led by a desire for teaching he refused a number of lucrative positions in other professions, to organize the Delaware Twp. High School in Northumberland Co., Pa., which he left to assume the duties of the Supervising Principalship of the Wiconisco, Pa., schools, where he has remained to the present time. He was married to Miss Eva Pontius. They have one child, Harold Ethelbert. Prof. Shambaugh is the present Chancellor Commander of Lykens Lodge No. 106 Knights of Pythias, Financial secretary of Camp No. 148, P. O. S. of A. and a member of Lewistown Lodge No. 204, F. & A. M., the Ashlar Society of Lykens and the Pennsylvania German Society.

ISAAC BILGER.

Mr. Bilger is a son of William I. Bilger and wife and was born near Beaver Springs Jan. 4, 1859. He has for years been located at West Lodi, Ohio, where he is a successful contractor of stone, brick and plastering work.

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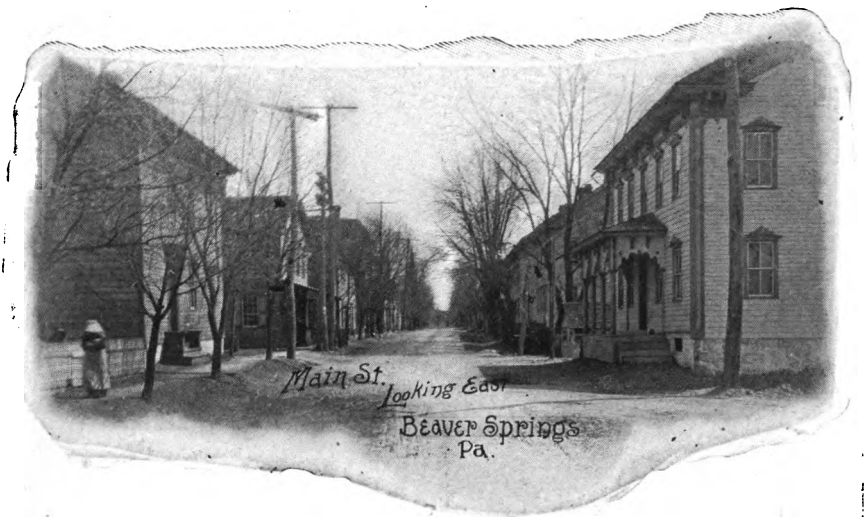
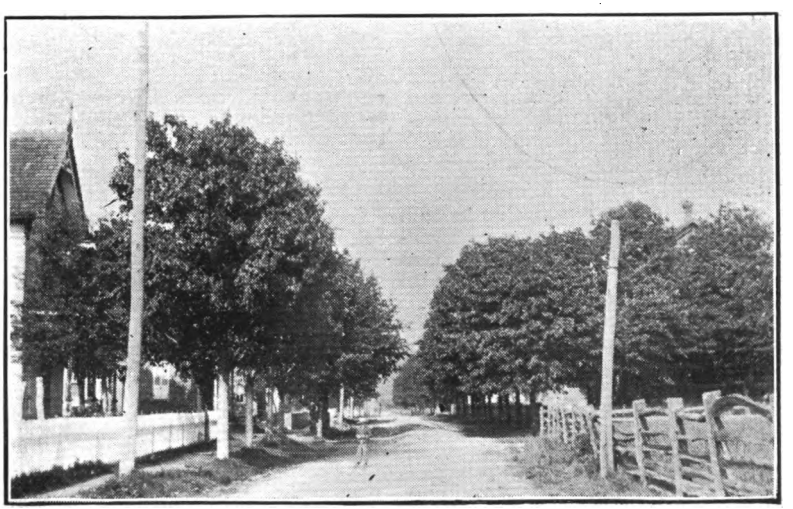


Main Street, Looking East.



Market Street, Peola, Looking West. (Suburb of Beaver Springs.)

Libraries.

Through the efforts of A. M. Aurand, Sr., a small Free Library was established here in July, 1906, with A. Monroe Aurand, Jr., as librarian. Mr. Aurand, Sr., owns a private library of 2,500 volumes to which access is also given to anyone, free of charge.

Marriages.

Jan. 13, 1898, by Rev. Landis, Frederick Holsapple and Mary E. Snook, both of Adamsburg.

October 6, 1892, by Rev. Landis, Henry C. Lepley and Mary S. Baumgardner, both of Adamsburg.

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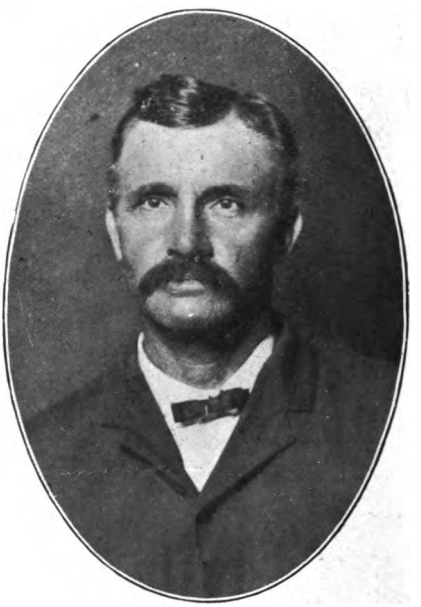
HOWARD M. SCHAMBACH.

Mr. Shambaugh is a son of John and Catharine Shambaugh and was born March 26, 1854. At the age of 17 years he started to learn wagon making with his father and worked at this trade until May, 1876, In May, 1876, he started to

work on the track for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and was promoted to extra track foreman in February, 1880, and to regular track foreman July 1st, 1895, on Sub Division No. 3 on the M. & C. Branch, P. R. R. at Reedsville, Mifflin County, Pa. He was later transferred to Sub-Division No. 5, at Lewistown on the S. & L. Mr. Shambaugh was married February 22, 1877, to Elizabeth Jane Stricker, of Beavertown, and one child Frank Edmonds, was born Dec.28, 1877; has been a member of the Reformed church since1873, and was confirmed by Rev. L, C. Edmonds. Mr. Shambaugh resided at Beaver Springs from April 1877, to Sept. 1895, and at Reedsville, Mifflin Co., from Sept. 1895, to Oct. 1905, and lives at Lewistown at present.

WILLARD MECHTLEY.

Mr. Mechtley was born in Troxelville. His parents moved to Adamsburg when he was about 16 years old, his father being a bricklayer, and young Mechtley started bricklaying when he was only 12 years old and has been working at his trade ever since, a period of 39 years. His parents went to Emporia, Kansas, a good many years ago where his father died. He did lots of bricklaying in his time, especially in Centre Co. and has done the brickwork for 13 churches. He is the only one of the family in the East, the



rest being all in Kansas. He moved to Lewistown 4 years ago, and is at present contracting brick work.

Centennial Committees.

TRANSPORTATION—Hurley Romig, O. C.Bowersox, W. H. Thomas.

HISTORICAL—W. J. Klose, Dr. A. M. Smith, J. F. Keller, Esq., S. S. Bachman, L. R. Haines.

MUSIC -A. W. Musser, K. C. Walter, D. F. Spaid.

ATHLETICS—W. E. Stahlnecker, Dr.C.G.Smith, J. W. Bowersox.

RECEPTION—G. D. Lantz, Albright Dreese, I. M. Felker, P. H. Knepp, J. D. Dreese, David Getz, W. W. Bingaman, W. H. Dreese, J. C. Schambach.

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CEREMONIES - Dr.A.M.Smith, Rev.W.M.Spangler, H. I. Romig, Rev. F. W. Brown, J. F. Keller, Esq.

DECORATION—Dr. J. O. Wagner, Samuel Werner, W. S. Miller, F. P. Decker, C. O. Greenhoe, Chas. H. Getz, W. H. Reigle, Foster Smith, H. G. Manbeck, Anis Gross, J. W. Snook, J. Forry Snook.

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SONS OF BEAVER SPRINGS

AMBROSE WARREN AURAND.

Ambrose Warren Aurand was born near Beaver Springs, Pa., on Oct. 11, 1878. At the early age of ten years he entered the newspaper office of his brother to learn the art of printing. By close attention to his duties he was given the foremanship of the A. M. Aurand Printing and Publishing House in 1893, which position he held continuously until April 1, 1904. On Jan. 1, 1903, he commenced the publication of the Fanciers' Guide, a poultry and pet stock journal, which soon reached a wide circulation, covering the United States and Canada. On April 1, 1904, Mr. Aurand, through his untiring work in placing the publications of the Aurand Printing House on a

high standard and his ability in handling the work, was given the business and general managment of his brother's plant, and in order to give his entire time to same, disposed of his poultry journal to good advantage. On April 1, 1905, he relinquished his position as business manager of his brother's plant and established the Plain Dealer, a local weekly paper at McClure, Pa., which proved to be a success from the start. In May, 1905, he was appointed Notary Public at McClure by Governor Pennypacker. After publishing the paper for nearly a year Mr. Aurand availed himself of the opportunity to dispose of his printing plant early in March of 1906, and removed to Sunbury, Pa., to enter a wider field of work. Here the first issue of the Sunbury News was brought before the public April 14, 1906, and from the very outset it gained wide prominence and patronage covering central Pennsylvania. In connection with the publication of the Sunbury News, he conducts an up-to-date book, stationery and office supply store as well as a first-class printing establishment. Not only does he devote his time to the above business, but he is well versed in advertising matters. He controls the entire publicity of the Sunbury Novelty Works, of Sunbury, Pa., a corporation placing patented novelties upon the market, which is one of the largest manufacturers of its kind in the United States. He writes, designs and directs all the advertising literature and places the advertising all over the United States and Canada for this company. Mr. Aurand is a great poultry and pet stock fancier and has again established a live poultry journal, The Keystone Fancier, which already has the brightest assurance of success. In politics Mr. Aurand is a staunch Republican, taking an active interest in all campaigns. In social and business circles he has many friends of a wide acquaintance covering the State. He is a member of numerous secret organizations, among them being the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and Sons of Veterans. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association, Pennsylvania Fanciers' Association, Sunbury Fire Co. No. 1, Sunbury Business Men's Association and an active member of the Sunbury Board of Trade. He united with the Evangelical Lutheran church at an early age and takes an active interest in church work. He united in marriage Oct. 21, 1897, at Beaver Springs by Rev. B. F. Kautz, to Miss Hettie M. Hartley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Hartley, of McClure, Pa., which union has been blessed with two children, one daughter, Carrie Hartley, born Jan. 26, 1899, and one son, Alton William, born June 22, 1902. The subject of this sketch is a son of Samuel F. Aurand and his wife Ellen E., residing at Beaver Springs.

Officers of the Beaver Springs Centennial Association, 1906.

President, A. M. Aurand.
1st Vice President, J. B. Spangler.
2nd Vice President, D. F. Spaid.
Secretary, H. I. Romig.
Treasurer, Hon. A. M. Smith.

CHIEF MARSHALS OF PARADE.

Industrial Parade, W. F. Haines.
Fantastic Parade, W. H. Sanders.
Secret Society Parade, Hon. A. M. Smith.

MARRIED.

Sept. 25, 1898, by Rev. Schoch, Augustus Badman of Coal township, Northumberland county, to Rebecca Rearick of Adamsburg.

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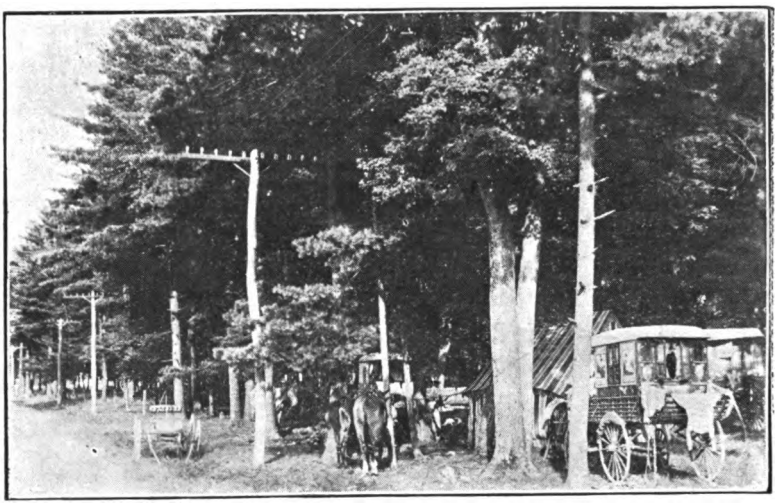

Northwest Corner of the Park in which the Centennial Celebration Took Place. Camp of Gypsies in Foreground.

The U. S. Mail, two-horse wagon, ready to leave Beaver Springs for Troxelville. Two trips between these towns are made daily. W. F. Blee, carrier.

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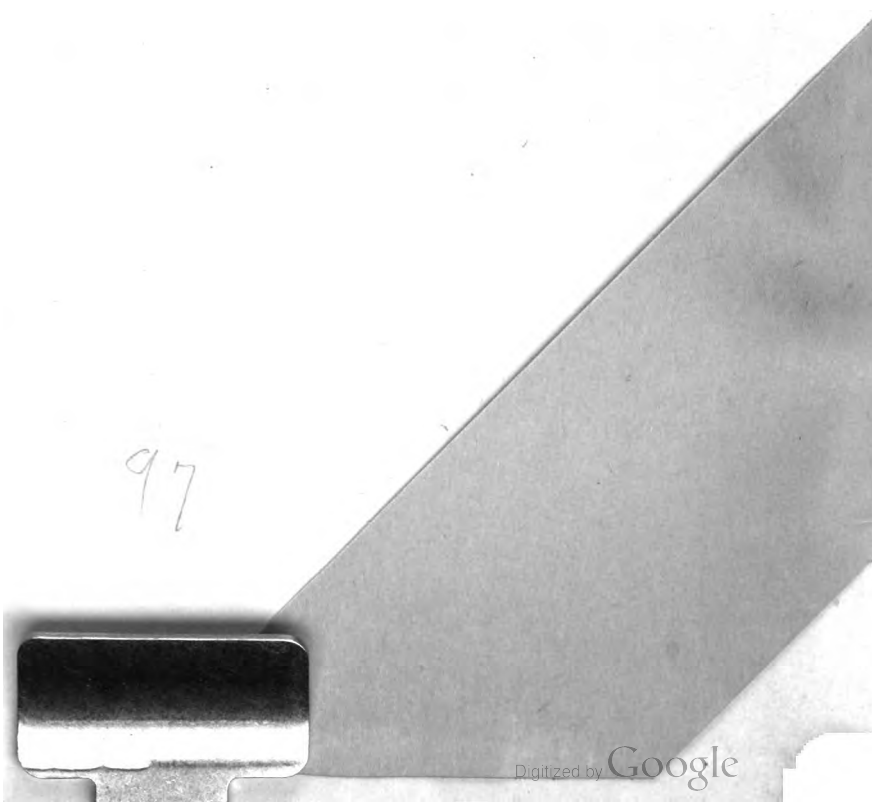

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